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## Mid Staffs blow to Thatcher

## Tory defeat prompts poll tax rethink

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Ministers were bracing themselves last night for renewed speculation about Mrs Margaret Thatcher's leadership of the Conservative Party in the wake of Labour's Mid Staffordshire by-election triumph.

party chairman, will meet the Prime Minister on Monday to assess the Labour landslide.

Although the initial word from 10 Downing Street was that there would be no fundamental policy changes, it was clear yesterday that the Government will conduct a far-reaching reassessment of the community charge in the summer to soften its impact before the general election.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Deputy Prime Minister, accepted that changes would be needed to the charge, but

Legacy of

the Bounty

On Pitcairn Island

most people trace their

ancestry back to the

Bounty mutineers. But

200 years after Fletcher

Christian's landing the

population is only 49.

community.

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Amis on the

family Amis

Kingsley Amis was the

only child of middle-

class parents. He began

writing at seven to

amuse himself. His

richly irreverent

memories of family life

are recalled in an

interview with

Ray Connoily.

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London to

Peking

Next month 70 vehicles

set out from London to

drive to China, inspired

by the Peking-Pans

race of 83 years ago.

Among the overlanders

will be Graham Rock,

representing The Times

in a Mercedes 300SE.

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TRAVEL

Into Africa

Michael Watkins went

to South Africa to catch

the thythm of the yeld.

He discovered that

everything had changed — and nothing had

chael Brooke reports on a remarkable

INSIDE

ment next year would not lead to lower bills if councils boosted their spending. Mrs Thatcher blamed the

by-election defeat on the level of the poll tax imposed by the Labour-controlled county numph. council and high mortgage
Mr Kenneth Baker, the rates; but she held out no prospect of abrupt changes of policy, and accused Labour of not daring to reveal its alternatives.

"We are not for trimming and turning. We believe in long-term policies of the kind we have implemented over the last 11 years," she said in a letter to Mr Baker.

The result will add to pressure on Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, to take a tough line on charge capping: and the poll tax will feature prominently at next weekend's Conservative Central Council meeting in Cheltenham. where Mrs Thatcher's address assumes

Labour was quick to pounce on the personal threat to Mrs Thatcher. Mrs Sylvia Heal, whooverturned a 14,654 Conservative majority to win by 9,449 votes, declared the dark age of Thatcherism is drawing to a close"; and Mr Neil Kinnock said it was now only a matter of time before he comes Prime Minister.

significance.

The difficulty is, of course, that the better we do, then the go before calling the next election," he said in Dublin.

The result would add to the pressure on the Prime Minister, but even if the Conservative leader changed before dards of organization and of the next general election, he would still be leading the next government, he said.

"They are going to have to make up their minds how quickly they get rid of Mrs Thatcher," he said. "What she does to the Conservative Party is no concern of mine. What she does to our country

is of very great concern." Senior Central Office insiders are most concerned that jutery backbenchers do not suggest in public that a change of leadership might be the only solution to the Conservatives' difficulties. One source said: "If they are going to rush around spreading gloom and despondency, they should lock themselves in a

room and do so privately." That was also the message from Mr Norman Tebbit, the former party chairman, who

The rate is likely to rise

The February figure was as

expected by the markets. By

the end of the day, the pound's

trade-weighted index was up

0.3 to So. I. Against the dollar

the pound was up (1.45 cents to

\$1,6050 and against the

Deutschmark, sterling was up 1.3 plennigs to DM2,7445.

The stockmarket had a good

sharply in coming months before falling to 7.25 per cent

by the end of the year.

Conservative insiders said said voters would not return extra money for local governto the fold if the party panicked and either dumped or

undermined Mrs Thatcher.

But Sir Anthony Meyer who won the support of one in six Tory MPs in his doomed leadership challenge, said: "The Conservative Party needs to change its policies and its leader if it is to win the next election. It will take another couple of hammer blows, but I expect something to happen by the autumn. If we do not deal with this, we will all go over the precipice with the Prime Minister.'

Mr Michael Heseltine, who would be the main beneficiary should Mrs Thatcher fall, was again a model of loyalty, saying: "It's a disappointing result, but the prime priority is to win the battle against inflation. We must not deviate from the policies to achieve

Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, added: "Our supporters expect wholehearted support for the Prime Minister, who is a world statesman who most countries would give their eye teeth to have as their leader."

Radiation

monitors

found to

be faulty

By Michael Evans

Nuclear warhead workers at a

Royal Navy armaments depot

have been wearing radiation

monitoring devices that fail to

measure accurately the doses

of Defence survey has found.

Last night the union

representing the workers de-manded a thorough review of

all installations where the

potential risk to MoD employ-

ees of radiation exposure

might have been under-

The MoD employees in-

volved in the survey, carried

out over 12 months by the

ministry's Defence Radiologi-

cal Protection Service, worked

at the Royal Navy Armament

Depot at Coulport on the

The survey revealed that the

dosimeters worn by the

employees did not accurately

measure the neutron compo-

nent of the radiation dosages.

their radiation exposure is

being accurately measured as

the first step in guaranteeing

the health of themselves and

Mr Duckworth said

would be taking the matter up

with a senior MoD official

who had already agreed to see

the union following the

publication last month in the

British Medical Journal of research into children born to

fathers working at the Sella-

field nuclear reprocessing

plant. It reported that these

developing leukzemia.

their families."

estimated".

Mr Baker's position is not unassailable after the disaster of his first by-election in charge of the Tory machine. Some Conservative MPs believe that Mr Charles Prior's campaign could have been more aggressive, as Mr Tebbit made clear yesterday by saying that it was no time longer Mrs Thatcher will try to for hitting back at Labour with "feather dusters"; but Mrs Thatcher sought to forestall such criticism by saying in her letter that the campaign "reached the highest stan-

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positive communication of

our policies".



Mr Prior. Tory candidate victim of poll tax anger.

cause of increases in the price

of water, gas and electricity,

higher duties on tobacco, pet-

rol and alcohol, allied to price

Excluding mortgage interest

rate payments, the rate picked

up to 6.2 per cent, the highest

since February 1983, after a

plateau of four months at 6.1

per cent. City forecasts expect

it to reach 7 per cent in coming

Inflation slows, page 17

nses in food and clothing.

Inflation slows to

7.5% in February

By Our Economics Staff

The annual rise in prices day with the FT-SE 100 index

slowed to 7.5 per cent in Feb-rising 25.0 points up at 2283.9.

ruary from the 7.7 per cent of Inflation, measured by the

each of the previous three retail price index, will rise be-

## In line for congratulations: Small (left), the England fast bowler, receives the plandits of (left to right) Gooch, Lamb, Stewart and Capel. The West Indies cricketers rapidly lost eight wickets in Trinidad yesterday. Report, page 49 Serious Crime Squad to probe union ballot

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

investigate allegations of ballot rigging in the elections for the national executive committee of the Transport and

General Workers' Union. When evidence came to light that up to 2,500 stolen voting papers in the union's first full postal ballot had been they are receiving, a Ministry cast for left-wing candidates in Society, which was running marginal seats, Mr Ron Todd, the general secretary, was forced to order the re-running

of the election. The results of the re-run ballot to be announced on first discovered. Mr Todd Monday, could provide more good news for Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party, if the majority currently enjoyed by the left is overturned. Of the 39 seats on the executive the left have 21, the

union, but we have got to

'moderates" 18. With 1,250,000 members, the union commands a huge conduct an investigation once block vote at Labour Party conferences and has fre-

quently clashed with the Labour Party leadership in utive on February 20 that complaints of rigging.

The Serious Crime Squad is to consistently pursuing a there would be a clear need to unilateralist line Although Mr Todd the

union's first spoke to the police three weeks ago, he did not formally ask them to begin an inquiry until voting in the

ered by the Electoral Reform the position of the candidates. the election, concerned a police on March 2, I outlined batch of papers stored at the to them my intention to TGWU headquarters at prepare a report on my in-Transport House, central London. When the breach was said: "It is a trauma for the

demonstrate that the vote is being done in a democratic and fair way". Mr Todd said yesterday he

had first spoken to the police on March 2 and advised them said. that he would ask them to the re-run ballot was concluded. He said he had told a the election ballot in which he special meeting of the exec-

take the inquiry beyond the union once his own investigation had been concluded.

He added: "I was particularly concerned that nothing should jeopardize or impair ballot finished yesterday.(Fri). the fair and open conduct of The security breach, discov- the re-run ballot, or prejudice

"At a meeting with the ternal inquiries. I gave them details of the areas which I was examining.

"I also told the police that once the re-run election was concluded I would present them with my report and then request that they commence their own investigation into this most serious matter," he

Five years ago Mr Todd declined to take up his position as general secretary until was involved was re-run after

The low interest Visa Card

### Moscow orders newsmen to leave Vilnius

From Anatol Lieven, Vilnius

The Soviet Foreign Ministry yesterday moved to isolate the rebellious republic of Lithua-nia, expelling foreign corres-pondents and reportedly giving Western diplomats 12 hours to return to Moscow.

The announcement added to concern in Lithuania that Moscow was preparing for a showdown this weekend. President Gorbachov's "ul-

timatum" to President Landsbergis to stop recruiting a Lithuanian border guard expires today, as does an army command to Lithuanian des erters to return to their units.

Tass said yesterday that security on Lithuania's border with Poland, as well as sec-urity patrols inside Lithuania, had been increased. The announcement added that sci-zures of weapons by the KGB has begun.

All leave for Soviet soldiers in Vilnius appears to have been stopped.

In another ominous move, the Foreign Ministry yes-terday ordered foreign correspondents to leave. A spokesman said: "The order is for temporary reasons in connection with the situation there. The situation is changing

Agence France-Presse re-ported that the ministry had also ordered a Western em-bassy to withraw all its diplomats from the republic.

These moves added to considerable anxiety among Lithuanian deputies and among military deserters. Thousands of copies of the text of President Gorbachov's latest message were dropped by military helicopter on Vilnius yesterday afternoon. President Landsbergis, speaking to Parliament yesterday said that fresh Soviet units were being transferred to Lithuania, and accused Moscow of waging "psychological

war" against his country. The Lithuanian nationalist leader issued a plea for inter national support in the face of the military build-up.

In Washington, the United States Senate has approved a resolution demanding that the Soviet Union should immediately cease all efforts to intimidate the Lithuanian parliament and people." The resolution, which supports the right of the people of Lithuania to independence and democracy", was passed after rejection of a motion demanding immediate US recognition of the Lithuanian Government.

Professor Landsbergis said yesterday that he still held out Continued on page 16, col 8

#### The warheads emit X-rays, gamma rays and neutrons. Mr Joe Duckworth of the close War Institution of Professionals, Managers and Specialists, On Want said: "This latest news from Coulport is extremely worrying. It emphasizes the need for an immediate check on all MoD personnel to ensure By Mark Sonster

The debt-ridden Third World

After a three-and-a-halfgeneral secretary of the char-

children had a greater risk of winding up on dates to be decided. "Statements of the reasons for the proposed resolution

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#### £2m debts E CHASE

aid charity War On Want announced last night that it was to be wound up with estimated debts of £2 million.

hour meeting in central London Miss Ruth Evans, ity, said in a statement: "It is with great sadness that the council of management of War On Want announce that meetings of members and creditors are to be held for the purpose of passing a resolution for creditors voluntary

The MoD said yesterday that analysis had shown that even with the neutrons taken will be made at the meeting." into account, the workers were still receiving radiation doses

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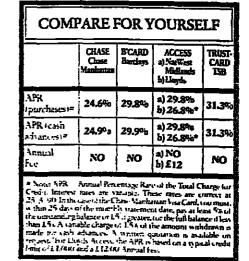
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menths.

By Robin Young "Can you survive in the blackboard jungle." "What does it take to be master of all you survey." "Enter a new world Learn strange languages. Pit yourself against those younger and fitter than ton ever were - and run for your life." "How would you like to stay in after school cien day?

Those are the type of copy lines with which the staff employed by Saarchi & Statchi, once the world's largest advertising agency, may well he toving in fulfilment of their latest task. Its mission is to persuade students that teaching is not a soft option.

come cheap. Saatchi & Saatchi is to be paid £2.2 million by the Department of Education and Science. That should enable the brothers to look their fellow shareholders in the eye again, even though it might not give them the courage to face up to a classroom of hospic 14 year-olds. It is intended to be the

biggest national teacher

worked, to some extent, with the police and the army, what is so different about school teachers? Mr Mike Hughes, the cam-

The advertising for the teacher recruiument drive, he said, would be modelled in mer on the successful campaign to recruit not police or soldiers but nurses. That campaign made an attempt to supplement myths about the

nursing by presenting some "real-life" vignettes of nurses at work. "I suspect that we will also

see in our advertising some attempt to debunk popular myths about teaching," Mr Hughes said. Presumably that means a final farewell to Mr Quelch and the "whack 'em" school of preagogy. The Department of Education and Science estimates

that by 1995 schools will be short of 1,000 teachers of mathematics and 3,700 science staff. The overall shortfall of teachers in key subjects is predicted to reach 18,200 by

#### The class of Saatchi goes to school obvious to carefully chosen comfortable, "cushy" image. It

target audiences does not

recruitment campaign. The advertising is to concentrate on the challenge of the job. because ministers have conceived the notion that successful graduates are more likely to be attracted to a profession which offers intense chai-Explaining what should be lenges than to one which has a supposedly angelic nature of

paign manager, says that the

decision to use Saatchi & Saatchi for the job has no connection with that agency's success in promoting the Conservative Party and in, allegedly, winning the 1979 election for Mrs Thatcher.

the middle of the decade.

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# 60 TO 0 IN 3 SECONDS. IS THERE NO STOPPING PORSCHE ENGINEERS?

Imagine for a moment that you are hurtling down the Mulsanne straight at Le Mans in a Porsche 962, at a speed approaching 240 mph.

(Depending on your disposition, this is either a dream come true or a nightmare.)

At the end of the 6 kilometre straight is a sharp and bumpy right-hander, which is coming at you with the speed of a door slamming you in the face.

Your fate, as you approach the infamous corner, is no longer in your hands.

It rests with some rather academic-looking men miles away in Germany.

At the Porsche Research and Development Centre in Weissach, to be precise.

In what seems like a split second, the car's speed has been reduced from 240 mph to

Suddenly, you have rounded the corner with consummate ease and accelerated into

3.7 minutes later, you will repeat the whole episode. If you finish Le Mans (which Porsches usually do) you will complete the exercise over 350 times during the twenty-four gruelling hours of the race.

And as you bathe in the glory of yet another success, those Porsche engineers from Weissach will have already begun the painstaking process of examining every component of the car.

Most importantly, the brakes.

For with the ability to produce the awesome power of a Porsche goes the responsibility of harnessing it safely.

Which is particularly true of the Porsche in our picture, the 944 Turbo.

Its 2.5-litre, 250 bhp engine makes it one of the most powerful production cars of its kind ever built.

It is quite capable of reaching 161 mph, accelerating from 0 to 60 mph in 5.6 seconds\* in the process. In fact, such is the respect afforded the

engine by Porsche engineers, it has a braking system derived from Porsche's racing Thus to restrain the 944 Turbo, four piston

fixed caliper disc brakes are fitted to all four wheels as part of a hydraulic, front to rear dual circuit system.

(If that sounds highly sophisticated, rest assured, it is.)

Naturally, though, Porsche engineers

didn't stop there.

The Turbo has a specially developed ABS system which can increase, hold or reduce braking pressure depending on how much each tyre is in contact with the road.

So that if, for instance, an animal appears in your headlights while driving on a motorway at night, you can 'floor' the brake pedal without fear of skidding, even in the wet.

And because brakes become less efficient at very high temperatures, the Turbo's body design incorporates inlets in the nose section which 'ram' cooling air at them.

Stopping a Porsche safely, however, is not left solely to the brakes.

To create a better balanced, more stable car, our good engineers decided to break with tradition and mount the gearbox in the rear. Known as the Transaxle drive line system, it gives the Turbo virtually perfect weight distribution.

The power steering is also involved.

Unlike other systems which simply make the steering feel artificially light, Porsche power assistance adjusts the amount of power you receive to how much the car actually needs, giving you complete control at all times.

To make sure the driver doesn't feel left out of this engineering tour de force, a sophisticated electronic dashboard information system keeps you in touch with all the engine's primary functions.

Of course, helping you control your Porsche is only one of the joys of being a Porsche engineer.

944 TURBO

Talk to them about the smoothness of the Turbo's engine and they will wax lyrical about the lack of vibration courtesy of the dual balancer shafts.

Approach them on the subject of its performance and they will give you chapter and verse on the racing pedigree of the engine and the fact that even the catalytic converter does not affect the enormous power output.

Casually enquire about the stability of the Turbo and they will bend your ear concerning the new rear spoiler, the low profile tyres, the limited slip differential and the famous ground effect' technology, which uses air flow under the car to reduce lift at high speeds.

Indeed, give them a chance and Porsche engineers will go on for hours about their job. Which is only to be expected.

After all, for years they have designed cars that have served as examples of technical excellence to every car maker in the world.

The 944 Turbo is but one example. The 911 Carrera 4 all-wheel drive is another. The 5speed 928 GT, yet another.

Is there no stopping Porsche engineers?

What do you think?

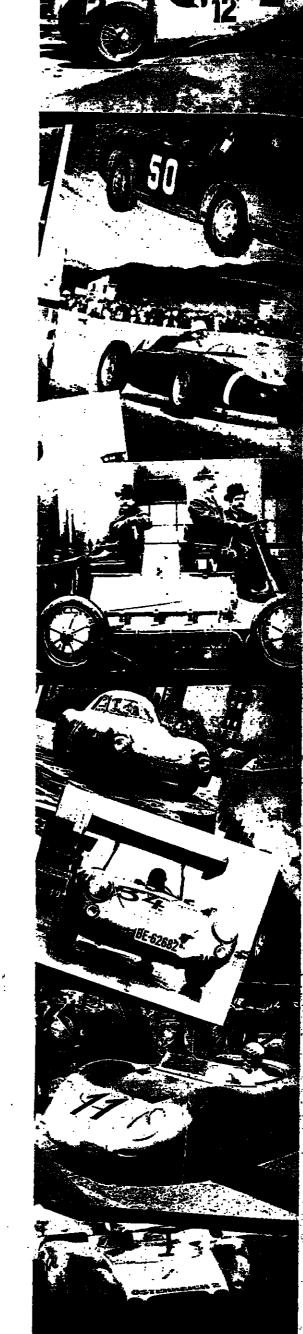
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Baron said he would not defraud his friend



new developments or impose charges as a result of the poll tax, according to a survey published yesterday. Services for the elderly have borne the brunt of the cuts, and some children's homes have closed.

The report from the Association of Directors of Social Services also says that three-quarters of councils will not have enough money to implement the Government's community care policy, under which they will take financial responsibility for the care of the elderly, mentally hill and mentally handicapped in the community from next year.

That is partly because of the continuing effects of the poll tax, and partly because the Government has not allocated

The Department of Health furious about the report. Mrs Virginia Bottomley, the Min-ister for Health, said it was alarmist and would cause unnecessary worry to the frail and vulnerable who stood to benefit from their policies. We have made it clear that extra resources will be available," she said. The amount to be transferred from the social security budget would be announced later this spring.

Directors said that social services had been told to make significant reductions in their budgets because councils were

One in three local authority social services departments reductant to go ahead at all has had to cut services, stop with spending plans until they were estimate of £328.

Mr David Johnstone, Newwith spending plans until they knew if "charge capping" would take place.

The survey, conducted jointly with BBC Radio among two-thirds of English and Welsh social services departments, showed that 36 per cent of councils had made cuts or stopped new projects because of the poll tax.

Mr Bob Lewis, honorary secretary of the association, said: "Local authority services are being jeopardized because of the pressure on local authority finance due to the poll tax. This means they need to reduce or, at best, only maintain levels of services against a background of increasing

Warwickshire County Council has reduced its overa specific grant for such care, all budget by £6 million, and its social services department has had to save £635,000. The was yesterday said to be average poll tax for the county's five districts is nevertheless £378.16, against the Government's estimate of

Mr Peter Smallridge, the did not know how much social services director, said government money they that to prevent damaging cuts would get to fund the commuin services, the authority was to charge £1 a week for home helps and £1 for a day centre meal, irrespective of income. allocated through block grants Those not on income support or housing benefit will have to pay £4.75 a week for a home Many authorities say they are help — a service which costs

the council £5.60 an hour. he council £5.60 an hour. to scrape together sufficient In Newcastle, eight homes cash to fund community under pressure to keep the poll for the elderly and six chiltax down. More swingeing dren's homes have closed and cuts would undoubtedly fol- a further 150 places for the low if the Government elderly are to be cut this year capped the community in an attempt to keep the poli charge. A number of shire tax down. This has been set at

Czechs salute the 'forgotten heroes'



Czech war veterans gathered at Brookwood cemetery, Surrey, yesterday to honour countrymen who fought and died in World War Two. President Havel of Czechoslovakia, ending a three-day visit to Britain, laid wreaths on the graves of servicemen and said they were "forgotten heroes". *Play dispute, page 9.* 

## Cancer centre failings 'mean needless deaths'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

probably dving unnecessarily rom cancer every year in Britain because treatment services are so badly organized, a leading cancer specialist said

Professor Karol Sikora, consultant medical oncologist and radiologist at Hammer-smith Hospital, west London, said that a survey presented a disturbing picture of the variation in quality of cancer treatment facilities in many parts of the country.

He recommended that the present cancer treatment centres in 23 hospital departments in London be reorganized into 10 centres of excellence. He also called for an urgent medical audit showing the pattern of cancer survival rates so that patients could see how survival rates varied between hospitals.

"Certain hospitals are more poorly equipped for cancer treatment than many in the Third World," Professor Sikora said.

He said they included some

Several thousand people are hospitals. His survey lists 14 of a child with leukaemia, specialities and types of equip-ment essential for "a centre of excellence for cancer treatment" and shows the number of hospitals in which one or more of those facilities is

> He said: "Information on cancer survival rates will allow the comparison between the successful treatment of patients with the same type of tumour at different centres. A national computerized database should be established to allow this data to be collated in a similar manner to that which currently exists for children's cancer."

> Professor Sikora was launching a report entitled Caring for Cancer at the Royal College of Physicians, London, prepared as part of a £5 million appeal needed for a £13 million centre at Hammersmith Hospital.

> fact that one in three people will get cancer and one in four will die from it."

He said: "It is a well-known

lymphoma or bone cancer being cured depended heavily given; that deaths due to complications of chemotherapy given to cure testicular cancer in young men were twice as common in some hospitals as in others; and that more than half the children treated for kidney cancer outside special

centres were given unnec-essary drugs and radiation. Professor Sikora said that of the three types of cancer treatment — by surgery, chemotherapy, and radio-therapy — it was radiotherapy that was the least portable. A radiotherapy department now cost £10 million to establish and £1 million a year to run.

He said: "The NHS spends £500 million a year on this very common illness. Getting the best from it must be a priority for everyone. The organization of cancer ser-vices in the UK has grown up in a haphazard manner and the standards of cancer care What was less well-known, across the country vary

Latham in January, just before stories in local newspapers he disclosed details of payments from the privatized tion from the Conservative softwear company to serving group of critical councillors. council officials, led to party splits and protracted controversy in the district.

payers in the district would ach have been £258 better off mained in council control, conversations.

## Tighter rules are likely on sale of council services

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

on the activities of Conser-council services.
vative councillors in The council's Wiltshire.

watchdog on council spending which also oversees the district audit, has already issued tough guidelines on the sale of council services to companies formed by municipal officials.

It may now promulgate new the auditor's findings, after ex-amination of financial records in the Tory-controlled district of West Wiltshire, which cov-ers the towns of Trowbridge and Warminster.

The auditor was called in by the council's chief executive. Mr Donald Latham, to examine the sale to companies formed by former officers of the council's lucrative com- further allegations about a puter softwear operation and its legal services department.

of the council and two fellow planning permission, the al-Conservatives to suspend Mr leged suppression of critical

A Labour Party investigation, published on Thursday, concluded that the West Wiltshire saga showed that management buy-outs inevitably led to breaches in the "standards that ought to inform

Labour said that the poll tax

The Government's enthusiasm for privatization by means of management "buy-district had responded to the outs" is unlikely to survive the Department of the Environpublication next week of a ment's enthusiasm for con-report by the District Auditor tracting out and privatizing

The council's computing department, which had at-The Audit Commission, the tracted nationwide praise for the quality of its softwear, was split and the softwear business sold to West Wiltshire Information Systems Limited. The chief executive of the council, Mr Gerald Gardner, was a shareholder in the and tighter rules in the wake of company, along with other senior officers.

Neither the softwear business nor the legal services work of the council, also sold to a concern in which officers were shareholders, were sold by tender - something the Audit Commission now says should be standard procedure.

Disclosures about contractletting in West Wiltshire led to "magic circle" of leading Tories and senior officers, sharp A decision by the chairman practice in the granting of

These councillors are now threatening to put up a rival Conservative candidate to the sitting Tory MP at the next election.

Mr Bruce Bennett, the council leader, and two colleagues resigned their committee posts after their suspension of the chief executive was declared illegal. The incoming leader, Mr Tony Phillips, changed offices at the town hall in order, he said, to had the softwear concern re- avoid "bugging" of telephone

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## he would not defraud his friend

By Craig Seton

Baron Michael de Stempel denied at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday that he had conspired with his former wife to strip her aunt, Lady Illingworth, of her estimated £1 million estate.

The baron, aged 60, told the court: "I would not dream of things went wrong, he said. Mr Davies became angry particularly to an old woman who was my friend. I would have thought it was the most

appalling thing to do." The baron was in the witness box for the fi st time at the start of his defence. He is accused of conspiring to steal property from Lady Illingworth, the wid w of Baron Illingworth of Denton. Accused with him are Mr Marcus Wilberforce, and his sister Miss Soph'a Wilberforce, children of his former wife,

Baroness St.san de Stempel. The barriness has admitted charges of forgery and theft of property belonging to Lady Illingworth, who died in 1986. The prosecution has alleged

that Lady Illingworth, who was said to be senile, was systematically stripped of her wealth in a conspiracy which began in 1984. The baron denied that sums

of £20,000 and £18,000 that he had received from the baroness in 1984 were his "reward" for helping the baroness defraud her aunt Mr Richard Du Cann OC.

defending, asked the baron whether it was right that he had assisted the baroness to knowingly strip Lady Illingworth of every penny she had. The baron said: "Most certainly not. I would not

dream of doing anything of

that sort, particularly to an old woman who was my friend." He was then asked whether he dishonestly conspired with the baroness and her two children to defraud Lady Illingworth and replied: "Absolutely not. It would not even have entered my head." The trial continues.

## Baron said Magistrate's fury over prosecution

A magistrate was so angered read the details out aloud. by the Crown Prosecution then admitted that the record Service yesterday that he threw paper from his bench as Asked why, she replied that

'appalling record". Mr Roger Davies, stipendiary magistrate at Horselerry Road Court in London, said: and backwards."

accept responsibility when important. when he was handed a photocopied sheet of paper bearing hand-written details of a shoplifter's previous

convictions. He asked the prosecuting lawyer, Miss Portia Ragnauth: "Why isn't there a proper form? It's quite disgraceful." Then, he held the sheet out in front of him before throwing it over his bench on to his clerk's desk, shouting: "Look at that! I'm not looking at it"; and told Miss Ragnauth: "You can't present that to the court!"

castle assistant director of

social services, said that his

department expects to spend

£36 million, £9 million more than the Department of

Environment's assessment of

what it should spend, "The

Alice in Wonderland stuff. It

is ludicrous." he said. "If we

tailored our services to the

levels proposed we would not

The survey shows that 79

per cent of social services

departments have set a budget

higher than the government

dent of the Association of Directors of Social Services,

said: "Local authorities seem

to be predicting a spiral of

rising expectations which we

cannot meet without adequate

He added that authorities

were also cutting services to

put money aside for the

changes to come into effect in

April next year. Councils still did not know how much

nity care policy. Some is to

come from the social security

budget, while the rest will be

or raised through the poll tax.

reducing their existing budget

care," Mr Rea Price said. "So,

without adequate central gov-

ernment assistance, next

year's community care will be

paid for by cuts in this year's

"This is a worrying picture.

financial back up."

Mr John Rea Price, presi-

have a service."

threw paper from his bench as he attacked the service's she did not know, further angering Mr Davies, sho said: "Everybody passes the buck to everybody else. We don't know who to blame. It's quite "Since the arrival of the CPS disgraceful." He said the last everything is going backwards conviction, for which Martin Langridge had been put on Nobody was prepared to probation, was the most

He then fined Langridge, aged 24, of Forest Gate, east London, £50 with £15 costs for stealing four cans of lager from an off-licence.

Earlier, Mr Davies had throw out another case after the defendant complained that he had appeared in court 12 times to answer charges of stealing a handbag and handling a stolen chequebook.

Miss Ragnauth asked for another week's remand to replace a missing witness statement, but Mr Davies said: "Enough is enough" and discharged Gary Mills, aged Miss Ragnauth offered to 22, of Hornchurch, Essex.

## Hidden diabetes warning

The incidence of diabetes is obvious symptoms made diexpected to increase as the population becomes older, a consultant told the British Diabetic Association conference in Glasgow vesterday.

Dr Kenneth Paterson, of Glasgow Royal Infirmary, said that an estimated 750,000 people suffered from the disease in Britain, but it was feared that at least another 250,000 may also be affected.

While insulin-dependent diabetes was most common among younger people and the sense that there are no

obvious symptoms. It can creep up on people, leading to agnosis comparatively simple, nerve and kidney damage." many older people suffered a gradual rise in blood-sugar

Dr Paterson highlighted the mystery of why diabetes was levels and the disease could go more common in northern countries, a characteristic Dr Paterson said no-one shared with multiple sclerosis. was quite sure what caused diabetes, but it appeared to be on the increase. "The disease is common in older people, and, as the population ages,

"It is far more common in Scotland and Scandinavia than, for example, Mediterranean countries," he said. "The the incidence will rise," he incidence decreases the neares you get to the Equator, which is the reverse of most said. "Older people get mild diabetes, but it is only mild in diseases.'

## Football chief loses case

Mr Robert Murray, chairman of Sunderland Football Club, lost his High Court libel and slander action yesterday against Mr Barry Batey, a former director of the club, over comments at a press conference which, Mr Murray said, implied he was a liar.

The jury took 21/2 hours to decide that Mr Batey did not defame Mr Murray at a press conference in March 1987.

During the hearing, Mr Murray claimed that Mr Batey had deliberately tried to discredit him so that he could gain the chairmanship.

Mr Batey, aged 42, an estate agent, of Sunderland, Tyne andWear, said the words he used were "really quite innocuous" and did not bear the meanings alleged by Mr Миптау.

Mr Batey's claim that Mr Murray had put money from he may have been "obstruc-

The Spring Ram Corporation, a kitchen and bathroom company of which he is vicechairman, into the club, rather than his own money, was published in The Journal. Newcastle, the day after the

Another allegation, which was not reported, was that Mr Murray was party to a secret

press conference.

Mr Murray, aged 43, of Clayke, Yorkshire, had dismissed both as lies. He claimed that Mr Batey, who was removed as a director the same month as the press conference, was motivated by spite and ill-will to discredit him so that he could take his place on the board.

Mr Batey said he was not malicious and so was protected by qualified privilege. Mr Batey's counsel said that tive" and "difficult" but he always acted in the interests of the club he loved.

Later Mr Murray, who now faces a costs bill estimated at £100,000, said: "The purpose of this action was to clear my name of any allegation that I had used company money rather than my personal money to support the club.

"The judge ruled that Mr Batey was protected by legal privilege. My lawyers disagree and are considering an appeal on that and other matters.

"I am pleased that it was conceded by everybody that my massive financial commitment to the football club has been made with my personal money not company money.

"It should be remembered that the newspaper which published the allegation has paid damages and costs and apologized." he said.

#### Dominant Karpov needs just a point

undetected for years.

By Raymond Keene Chess Correspondent

Anatoly Karpov, the Soviet former world chess champion, has won the eighth game of his world title eliminator in Kuala Lumpur against Jan Timman. the Dutch Grandmaster.

He now has an overwhelming lead of 5% points against 21/2 and needs just one more point from the last four games to qualify for a champonship match against Gary Kasparov, the reigning champion, later this year. The title contest has been set to start in New York on October 7.

Karpov was always in control in the eighth game. He rebuffed Timman's overambitious counter-attack and. in a dramatic finale, beat the Dutch Grandmaster by capturing all of his pawns and chasing his king right across the board. Timman resigned in a hope-

less situation on the 38th move. Karpov has dominated this match and has rarely been in trouble. In some of the games he overlooked wins. Here are the moves of the eighth game, with Karpov playing white. ..

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## £6bn King's Cross plan in jeopardy

billion plan to turn derelict land at King's Cross in London into "the largest city-centre development site in Western Europe" was in jeopardy after a High Court ruling giving St Bartholomew's Hospital the right to buy back a section of the site at 19th century prices.

Confirming that it will appeal against the decision, BR Property Board said: We now have cause for concern. Norman Foster Associates, the leading architects, had drawn up British Rail's plans, incorporating the world's biggest underground station, and it had been relying on planning permission to multiply the value of the land around King's Cross and to finance its share of the rebuilding costs.

British Rail added that if the Court of Appeal upholds the High Court ruling to allow the hospital's trustees to buy back 43 acres of the site, which had been subject to compulsory purchase, at the 1850 sale price of £53,250, it would have serious implications for the financial structuring of the project. It is estimated that the land could now be worth £100 million to the hospital.

"We and our partners have been working on the assumption that all 134 acres would form part of the dev-elopment," Mr David Burridge, British Rail manager of public affairs, said.

Many land deals in the first half of the 19th century included a covenant giving the vendor the right to reacquire the site at cost price if the property ceased to be used as a railway. Since 1966 British Rail has netted more than £500 million from sales of 100,000 acres of disused land, and has never been challenged by the heirs to a former owner.

Mr Andrew Campbell, the solicitor coordinating the legal battle on behalf of St Bartholomew's Hospital, played down the multi-million pound windfall. While he was not prepared to speculate on the prospect of an appeal, he would not rule out the possibility of St Bartholomew's fighting the British Railways Board all the way to the House of Lords if rather than at the stage of finality."

Mr Justice Hoffman made a similar ruling on behalf of the Church Commissioners who were also forced to sell a nine-acre tract of land at the same time. The ruling was based on a section of the 1846 Great Northern Railways Act which carried the proviso that, should it no longer be required for railway use. land must revert to its former owners at the original purchase price.

The British Railways Board has argued that the proviso had expired many years ago or had been repealed. Mr Campbell would not disclose how the loophole was brought to light. St Bartholmew's and the Church Commissioners have already been

subject to stay of execution pending resolution of a probable appeal. The Church Commissioners said last night it was too early to make further

awarded costs estimated at £200,00

against the British Railways Board.

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Labour to Conservative at to bring back. Mid Staffordshire were to be

chequer, would lose his seat. Of course it will not be repeated on that scale. Byseen increasingly violent changed fluctuations.

All three of Labour's previous by-election gains from the Conservatives since 1970 said at the Mid Staffordshire count, that Mrs Sylvia Heal has the seat on loan for two years rather than for life.

But Conservative efforts yesterday to dismiss the result as a protest vote beg the point. Senior Conservatives are taking comfort from the MORI poll evidence that the 42 per cent of those voting Labour in Mid Staffordshire because they believed in its policies were nearly matched by the 40 per cent who said they were voting Labour as a protest against the Government.

But even in general elections people do not all vote for a party: many still vote in protest against a party they wish to see defeated.

Previously under Mrs of the 10.4 per cent swing at Fulham in 1986 (the Conservatives regained the seat in 1987) only the Alliance centre parties have proved capable of benefiting from the by-election protest vote on a large

Now Labour, for the first time since the Second World War, has joined the 20 per cent plus club capable of upsetting almost any Tory seat in the country. Votes which have gone all the way across to

If the 21 per cent swing from a main party rival may be hard

Perhaps the key finding of repeated nationally at the next the ITN Harris exit poll election every single member among Mid Staffordshire votof Mrs Margaret Thatcher's ers was that 54 per centtook Cabinet save Mr John Major, the view that Labour had the Chancellor of the Ex- really changed its political nature, 37 per cent said that it appeared to have done so and only 7 per cent said that elections in recent years have Labour had not really

Mid Staffordshire, after the Vale of Glamorgan contest last year, offered real evidence that, Labour's policy review, have been reversed at the next designed to make the party general election. So the portents are, as the Conservative Democrats, has given Mr Neil candidate, Mr Charles Prior, Kinnock's party a new degree of electability.

Mid Staffordshire was only the fifth seat Labour has gained from the Conservatives since the early 1960s. Others were the Vale of Glamorgan (last year), Ful-ham (1986), Birmingham Northfield (1982) and Bromsgrove (1971).

Only in 10 by-elections since the Second World War has Labour achieved a swing of more than 10 per cent from the Conservatives. The pre-vious biggest was Hayes and Harlington in 1971.

Labour's 24.8 per cent in-crease in its share of the vote at Mid Staffordshire is more than twice the increase it achieved at any by-election in the last Parliament. It is 10 per cent more than it achieved Thatcher, with the exception at its previous gain in the Vale Glamorgan,

It is the first time since the Second World War that Labour has achieved a swing of more than 20 per cent.

But before Labour supporters build their hopes too high in Mid Staffordshire it has to be said that by-election successes do not always lead on to general election repeats.

The 1966-70 Labour government regained nine of the 15 seats it lost at by-elections.

1987

#### **MID STAFFORDSHIRE RESULT**

Leb majority 9,449. Total v Turnout: 77.5%. Suring to Leb from	ote: 57,359. C: 21.33%.
D M Black (Christian Patriotic Ali/Save Britain Campaign)	39
B R A Mildwater (comm known as Smiley) - (save the 2CV)	42
L St C Love (National Independent Correct Edification)	51
S B F Hughes (Raving Loony Gm Supercalatragalistic)	59
N Parker-Jervis (Against Immigration Con Green)	71
C A Abell (NHS Supporters)	102
CJG HIII (NF)	311
Lord D Sutch (Monster Raving Loony Green Teeth)	336
J G Bazeley (Anti-Thatcher Con)	547
R Saunders (Greens)	1,215
I W Wood (SDP)	1,422
T A Jones (Lib/Dem)	6,315
C C L Prior (C)	18,200
S L Maria (Lipp)	27.549

Lab majority 9,449 Turnout: 77.5%.

Share of the vote Labour

49.1% (+24.4%) 32.3% (-18.3%) 11.2% (-12.0%)

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#### Keeping quiet kept opponents guessing

By Nicholas Wood Political Correspondent

Mr Charles Prior, the luckless Tory candidate in the Mid Staffordshire by-election, rather gave the game away in the final days of his campaign when he spoke of the "frustration" of grappling with an opponent who kept her public utterances to a minimum. Thus she had allowed few opportunities for either her personal opinions or her par-

Hecklers were made redundant as Mrs Sylvia Heal abandoned public meetings for "private engagements" in pubs and social clubs and her morning press conferences vere brief, tightly managed affairs giving the media little

ty's policies to be exposed to

Instead, she stuck to a carefully-prepared script, which usually consisted of an attack on Conservative policy coupled with relatively anodyne Labour pledges.

chance of wrong-footing her.

Attempts to lead her into uncharted waters were dealt with either with a reference back to Mr John Smith, the Shadow Chancellor, or the intervention of the visiting frontbencher or her minder. Mr Bruce Grocott.

It was magnificent, but it wasn't really politics.

At least, that is what her opponents thought as they hunted a will-o'-the-wisp, who had the added advantage of resembling more the headmistress of an exclusive private school than the dungareed feminist of Tory demonology.

In the event, they were reduced to the vain strategy of flinging insults at her which, as a former social worker, she deflected more in sorrow than

## Victor's campaign truck takes to streets after longest night

By Ruth Gledhill

Only the stony expression on the face of Dr Johnson in the Lichfield market square in the former Tory stronghold in Mid Staffordshire remained unchanged as voters woke up to see Mrs Sylvia Heal, their new Labour MP, touring the streets in her bright yellow campaign truck, festooned with victory balloons.

Some looked bemused. some astonished but the larger number cheered and waved her on her way.

The woman who went into the campaign optimistic of reducing the Tory majority and increasing local Labour party membership almost let her emotions get the better of her as she contemplated a result which left her Tory rival bitterly disappointed.

Mrs Heal, aged 47, a mag-istrate and mother of two teenagers has kept consistently calm during the campaign which has led opponents to describe her as a "Barbie doll", a "phantom in a vacuum" and of having taken a "trappist vow of silence".

However Mrs Heal regarded the shift to personal attacks, about a week ago, as a sign that her opponents were under pressure.

Some of the 14 contenders ranged from hopeless to the bizarre. They included candidates from the Save the 2CV party (42 votes), the National (51 votes) and Stewart Hughes of the Raving Loony Green Supercalafradalistic Party (59), who sang the song from the film Mary Poppins on which the name was based, on the rostrum. He admitted defeat and pledged to fight another election

For the first time in three weeks Mid Staffordshire streets were free of competing loud speakers, pollsters and campaigners.

it necessary to congratulate our electorate on our defeat," Mr Peter Snape Labour MP for West Bromwich East, said. He had confidently announced Mrs Heal as the victor early yesterday morn-

Mr Snape was celebrating his own victory in the Labour veepstake on the size of the majority. He was 350 votes

ing, three hours before the end

out on his guess. In the yellow truck, dubbed "Rosie" by the Labour party and the Heal mobile by the press, Mr Snape and Mrs Heal sped round the constituency on the coat tails of election fever, greeted by drivers tooting horns, mothers and children waving and ambulance men who turned out from their stations to cheer.

Mrs Heal, dressed in navy blue with a red jacket and a fresh red rose in her lapel, refused to admit to fatigue, although she had only two hours sleep. "How could I

tory?" she told one constituent victory like this." Mr Prior who described her as "the best had lashed out from the thing that had ever happened rostrum, on learning of his defeat at 3.30am yesterday to this country." Her husband Keith, a personnel manager morning "The Labour party is for a software company, who a sham party with no policies took two weeks holiday to at all. "At the next general elec-tion we will win Mid-Staffordsupport her in the campaign, described the victory as equivalent to Wales beating shire. We will expose their

defeat. And no longer will the Labour Party be in existence

constituency has been lent to

them for the next two years."

While Mrs Heal savoured

her win, the Tories held a

subdued press conference at

the Cedar Tree Hotel near

Mr Prior arrived to find that

the rostrum from which he has

expanded his policies for the

past three weeks had been

folded beneath a pile of party

He said: "Clearly I am

disappointed. But this constit-

nency will be won back at the

next general election. Labour

won because of the protest

vote, not because the people of

Mid Staffs want a return to

me more was if the Labour

party had dared expose their

policies. They will not get

away with not doing that in

The neighbouring Tory MP,

Mr Gerald Howarth, for

Cannock and Burntwood said:

the general election."

on policies."

"What might have helped

"streets ahead" posters.

mantled and his table

the All Blacks". He said: "I feel very proud of the work she's put in. It's in this constituency. This been a tremendous achievement for the Labour Party." He said he and his wife will live in the constituency but their children will stay in Surrey to complete their

Mrs Heal criticised Mr Charles Prior, the Tory candidate, for what she described as a "vitriolic" outburst after

the declaration of his defeat. . "He was not a very good loser. Mr Prior thinks I have the seat for just two years. But with the majority of nearly 10,000, I think I'm here for much longer than that. We

#### BY-ELECTIONS BETWEEN 1983-87

Date	Place	Con			Result
28.7.83	Pervith & Border	-128	-5.9	+16.7	Con Hold
1.3.84	Chesterfield	-17.3	-1.6	+15.2	Lab Hold
3.5.84	Surrey SW	-10.4	-1.5 +3.7 +2.8	+11.3	Con Hold
3.5.84	Stafford	_10.8	+3.7	+ 7.1	Con Hold
3.5.84	Cynon Valley	-6.B	+2.8	-0.7	Lab Hold
14.6.84	Portsmouth 5th	· -15.7	+3.9	+12.2	SDP Gain
13.12.84		-8.5	+3.9 -5.9 +9.3	+122	Con Hold
4.7.85	Brecon & Radnor	-20.5	+9.3	+11.4	Lib Gain
6.12.85		-6.8 -15.7 -8.5 -20.5 -14.2	+1.3	+11.4	Lab Hold
10.4.86	Fulham	-71.3	+10.4	+0.6	Lab Gain
8.5.86	Ryedale	-17.9	-1.9	+19.8	Lib Gein
8.5.86	Dertwshire West	-16.3	+2.7	+123	Con Hold
17.7.86	Newcastle U Lyme	-17.4	-1.2	+17.7	Lab Hold
13.11.86	Knowsley Nth	-13.8	-82	+19.8	Lab Hold
26.2.87	Greenwich	-23.6	-4.4	+27.9	SDP Gain
12.3.87	Truro	-6.6	+28	+3.1	Lib Hold

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•	* Did not s	stand at previous e	lection					with 201 votes.

ambulance bids win contracts

In-house

a non-emergency private ambulance service in Scotland have been won by in-house bids in Stirling and Lanark. shire, it emerged last night.

The Government decided to increase privatization in the service because of the recent strike Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, made it clear that apart from introducing more paramedica, there should be more privateation in an attempt to release funds for emergency work. The success of local am-

bulance crews in winning the contracts will not only allay fears that the services would go to outside interests, but will mean extra money being ploughed into the Scottis Ambulance Service where privatization takes place. Effectively, companies will

be established to provide services ranging from radio-pag-

#### **Bones found**

Police are seeking the previous owners of a house in Stafford after the bones of four premature stillborn babies were found hidden in a tea chest in the garage by the present owners yesterday. Police said it was not a murder hunt. The house was sold 21/2 years ago.

#### **Body returned**

The body of Mr Farzad Bazoft, The Observer reporter executed by Iran on a charge of spying, arrived in Britain yesterday on an Iraqui aircraft. A memorial service for him will be held at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, in London next Wednesday.

#### Victim's funeral

Hundreds of mourners yesterday packed the Holy Family Church, Mossend, Strath-clyde, for the funeral of Mr Thomas McIntyre, aged 19, a student teacher shot in a Glasgow street last Sunday when he went to help a woman knocked down by a Land Rover driven by Alan Parkhill, aged 24, who later fatally wounded himself.

#### Dismissal deal Wakefield Health Authority

yesterday withdrew its disciplinary action against its finance director, Mr Raymond Corner, who was dismissed over his claims that funds were being wasted. He in turn agreed at the High Court in Middlesbrough to resign his £23,000-a-year post.

#### He said he sees no reason to Rape acquittal abandon the "streets ahead"

Oliver Rudd, a former Army woman after a romantic dinner at his home in Enfield, was cleared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday, 10 days after a jury failed to reach a verdict. The prosecution said it would not seek a retrial.

Clocks forward British Summer Time begins at 1am Greenwich Mean Time tomorrow when clocks should be put forward an hour to

March 23 1990

#### **PARLIAMENT**

## Railway sell-off 'pure dogma'

privatize British Rail was dis-missed by a Conservative MP as "pure political dogma" when he opened a debate on transport. Mr Robert Adley (Christ-church, C) told MPs that he

could not see the purpose of railway privatization other than pure political dogma and that is not good enough as far as The use of the word "com-petition" in relation to

privatization was nonsense and an unreal proposition, he said. MPs from both sides were critical of the Government's approach to British Rail and Mr Michael Portillo, Minister

for Public Transport, defending the Government's record, said been even-handed between road The record, he said, showed a

determined commitment to providing the finance necessary for the transport of this country.

Opening the debate, Mr Adley said that in the past 10 years there had been great economic success, resulting in an enormous increase of road traffic. Simultaneously, there had been a growth of environmental concern and a recognition that the internal combustion engine, a major source of pollution, congestion and aggravation, could not be the only solution for individuals or to the country's transport

Nobody expected the Min-istry of Defence, the Depart-ment of Health or the Foreign Office to show a profit. Almost alone, this Government and its predecessors expected British Rail to operate as though it was a normal commercial organization. That proposition was fun-

tracks, many of which passed through built up areas, including Investment criteria for British Rail must be related to commercial reality. It must be more Bromley. That would be an and social needs. Without a those who lived near the lines.

railway system in the main cities, life would be intolerable. Every day, British Rail carried 500,000 passengers into London in the morning peak, but the more people that BR succeeded in attracting to its commuter peak services, the more it was required to generate its own capital investment for capital equipment which was used for

No normal commercial business could leave expensive equipment idle for 20 hours out of 24. It was wrong to equate investment in the railways with normal commercial investment in business and industry. "The railways are a vital part of our nation's infrastructure and should be seen and dealt with as

only four hours each day.

merely a coincidence of timing between the reduction of the public service obligation grant and the increasing incidence of late arrivals, shorter trains, service cuts, staff shortages and unmanned stations was to stretch credulity to breaking

There ought also to be an independent regulator between the Government and British performance and fare levels. This would help concentrate the

minds of the warring parties. A system was needed whereby costs of road and rail were assessed equally and funded equally by the state. Sir Philip Goodbart (Beckenham, C) said news that 92 per cent of all Network SouthEast

trains arrived on time, and that 98.6 per cent of them ran at all, had been greeted with disbelief He feared that difficulties over the route of the high-speed Channel tunnel link meant that

Mrs Joan Ruddock, an Opposition spokesman on transport, said that many doubted the strength of the Government's existing rail network.

Women were fearful of using unstaffed stations at night. That was totally unacceptable in a Was it to be assumed that the

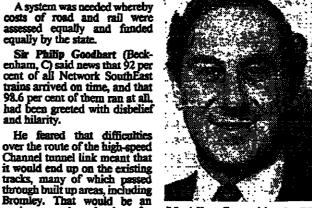
staff who provided help and information to passengers and provided women with a greater sense of personal security were to be regarded as just another loss-making service.

In France, trains would approach the Channel tunnel at speeds of up to 180 miles an hour with passengers enjoying a high standard of comfort. On the British side, it would be a The Government had ignored a warning 15 months ago that the private sector would not

come up with the cash to build a new high speed rail link to London without support. Now it looked as if the Government would have to do a embarrassing U-turn and find £700 million if the Eurorail

project was not to collapse.

The new safety culture at London Underground seemed



way down the track and when push chair with a child in it could be trapped in the doors and dragged along the platform.

Mr Portillo said that there was investment and not stagnation on BR. British Rail had writen off around £11 billion since the 1960s so it was a bit much to suggest that it should be respon-sible for its own financing.

Grants made to the railway came from taxpayers, the property for generating receipts was owned by taxpayers, loans made be more accessible to the people of Europe if Britain abolished to the railway were made by taxpayers at subsidized rates, and the revenue of the railways was based on assets owned by taxpayers.

The Government had provided for a £3.7 billion invest-ment programme for British Rail to be established, and a £2.2 billion investment programme for London Regional Transport. It was spending as much per head on pubic transport as on the roads.

The Docklands Light Railway had been built and extension: were under way. The Govern-ment had also planned the extension of the Jubilee Line, the biggest project of its it kind for 25 years, and plans for a rail link under London were under consideration,

In addition £6 million had gone to Sheffield for its supertram project and an enormous grant had been made for the Manchester metro extension.

"This is the record of a Government which is evenhanded between road and rail and which has shown a determined commitment to providing the finance necessary for the transport of this country. • The Government is seeking

advice on how people living near railway lines can be offered insulation against increased noise levels, Mr Portillo an-

## Peers favour PR in Euro elections

introduce proportional representation for voting in elec-tions to the European Parliament was given an unopposed second reading in the House of Lords, although the Government spokesman said that the present first-past-the post system "suits us best". Lord Bonham-Carter (Lib Dem), moving the second reading of the European Parliament Electoral Reform Bill, said that the European Parliament would

the simple majority system of voting. His Bill would introduce in Britain a single transferable vote system. It was designed to provide the European Parliament with the maximum legitimacy and was the best answer to those who were fearful of "the Brussels bureaucracy".

The British first-past-the-post system was out of line with electoral systems used elsewhere in Europe where there was proportional representation in one form or another, ensuring that scats won broadly matched the votes cast.

Lard Cockfield (C), a former EC commissioner, supported the Bill. He said that it was not unreasonable to expect consistency between the way that members of the European Par-liament were elected in the different member states.

Lady Ewart-Biggs (Lab) said that a major argument for change was a requirement under the Rome Treaty calling for a common electoral system for the European Parliament.

Lord Simon of Glaisdale (Ind) said that the Bill raised wider questions in relation to par-hamentary democracy. The first-past-the-post system did not, on the face of it, adequately provide for the interests of

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, leader of the Liberal Democrats in the Lords and a former president of the European Commission, said that there was a clear obligation to move to-wards a harmonized electoral system. The rest of the member states could not be expected to harmonize "around our rather distorted system". Britain's voting system for the European Parliament increased her reput ation for "semi-detachment" from Europe, and this was one reason why her influence was not commensurate with that of Germany or France.

Lord Underhill, for the Oppo-sition, said that he had been told that at its next conference in October, the Labour Party would be asked to set up a working party to consider the form of elections to various institutions, and this could inchide elections to the European

He understood that it would be suggested that there could be different systems for different institutions. Therefore, the whole of this Bill as it stood was not one which he could recom-mend Labour peers to determine today.

Earl Ferrers, deputy Leader of the House, said that the Government would consider any recommendations from the Council of Ministers for a uniform procedure, but until then he considered that the British system was familiar and "suits us best".

It was simple and easily understood and was much more likely to produce an overall majority for one party to provide strong government at local or national level.

Lord Bonham Carter's pro-posals, by destroying the one-to-one relationship between an MEP and the recognizable geo-graphical area would tend to, make the MEP an even more Secret dire

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selves to blame for much of the increased classroom work-load which has led to staff working an average of 51 hours a week, the Government said yesterday.

The Department of Edu-cation and Science said that many of the new tasks being imposed on teachers were the result of schools and local authorities "jumping the gun" by attempting to pre-empt the introduction of the National

Mr John MacGregor, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, has urged teachers not to panic but to await the publication of ofment procedures.

Reports from Her Maiesty's Inspectors of Schools have shown that some teachers had drawn up huge "check sheets" on which they were attempting to assess pupils against the requirements of the new curriculum by ticking boxes.

Official testing and assessment measures for the new Curriculum are still at the pilot stage. The national system is not due to come into use until

Teachers have only them- calm came after the publicancess to undertake extra-selves to blame for much of tion of a survey conducted by curricular activities, the the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers which found that teachers are working almost twice as long as their contracts demanded.

It showed that teachers were putting in an average of 51.17 hours, well above the 32.44 hours specified in the contracts imposed on the profession by the Government at the end of a two-year pay dispute in 1987.

The survey, which covered 550 teachers in 59 of the 96 English education authority areas, found that teaching accounted for less than half of the working week of the average teacher.

took up 56 per cent of the time, most of which (36 per cent of the working week) was devoted to marking and administrative work.

Staff meetings, which have greatly increased in number in recent years, accounted for almost two hours a week, while an hour a week was given over to meeting parents. In spite of reports of a take industrial action over the

survey found that the average teacher spent an hour and a half a week organizing sport or

Primary school teachers bore the heaviest average workload (51.87 hours a week) compared to 50.02 hours for 51.15 hours a week for secondary school staff.

One in a hundred of the teachers said they were putting in more than 70 hours a week.

The union has called on its members to put admin-istrative tasks "to the back of the queue" although it stopped short of calling for a campaign of guerrilla action similar to that mounted in the Non-teaching activities last pay dispute.

On Monday the union will announce the result of a ballot of its 118,000 members on a call for a one-day strike in protest at the Government's decision to pay this year's 8.3 per cent pay award in two

The NAS/UWT is alone among the six English teach-



Graham Cooper (left) with his colleagues Dennis Malin (centre) and John Simnet, piano restorers, at work at The Piano Workshop, in Newboros Staffordshire. Mr Cooper, who collects unwanted pianos, says that there is a growing demand for traditional pianos over electronic keyboards.

## **Secret directive** for governors to toe Labour line

By David Tytler, Education Editor

Secret instructions have been sent to school governors appointed by a Labour council to follow the party line on educational matters, ranging from school uniforms to antiapartheid protests. They are asked to destroy the advice rather than let it be seen.

In a letter addressed "Dear Comrade", Mr Maxwell Bird, chairman of Humberside County Council education committee, says it has taken a long time to find a way to write to party governors "without impropriety".

The governors will now receive a letter every term, but Mr Bird tells them: "Please keep it or destroy it ... do not let it get into Tory or other hands." He adds that any party members can apply to receive the regular guidance.

Mr Bird tells the party governors: "I ask you to remember at all times that you represent the local education authority and that is Labour controlled and should be supported ... We rely on you."

Mr Bird says the governors

should challenge any attempt to introduce school uniforms: "It is contrary to party policy ... but we can no longer make governors comply."

Labour governors are asked to persuade schools to support Humberside's anti-apartheid policy: "There is also the question of banning rugby union from our sports fields because of the South African tour. This will not affect schools themselves playing union, only outside teams

In a clear attempt to keep Conservatives off the governing bodies, Mr Bird says that many displaced Tories had returned as co-opted members last year because the Labour Party had been "very slow at getting organized".

He writes: "We need to be

more prepared for such vacancies and have names ready with a good reason why that person should be co-opted. Please arrange this with your branch secretary. One Labour governor on each governing body could ask to be notified in advance of any vacancies." Mr Bird also asks governors

to co-opt a member of the non-teaching staff on to the governing body.

Mr Jack Straw, Labour's front bench education spokesman, said: "Labour councillors are entitled to write to their own governors. The request on co-opted governors is simply a response to Kenneth Baker's call for more Conservatives to put themselves forward for governing bodies."

Mr Bird, a solicitor, said

that the county had been advised it was acting legally and that the letter was in response to request from governors for guidance. He said: "I was in no sense trying to give in-dividual instruction to them. There is no way in which you could say it was an attempt to Mr Straw: Councillors have interfere with local decision right to send such letters. making."

## Jail warnings to salmon-poacher

By Kerry Gill

Hoteliers, restaurateurs and the public are to be warned that they face substantial fines or up to two years in jail for being in possession of illegally caught salmon.
The offer of a freshly caught

salmon at the back door of an hotel or croft, with no questions asked, is a feature of Scottish rural life.

The Association of Scottish District Salmon Boards is to publicize the penalties people face for knowingly buying such salmon. It says that the cost of poaching to salmon fisheries runs into millions of pounds a year. Gangs, armed with

vanced equipment, including Citizens' Band radios, will risk prison to take up to £1,000 worth of fish in a single night's raid on a salmon pool.

Few people are aware, however, of the strict penalties available to the courts for buying salmon on the black

The association says that anyone offered fish under suspicious circumstances should ask where it was caught and demand to see the sciler's permit or written authority and proof of indentity.

It is to distribute 10.000 leaflets detailing the penalties. Ignorance is no excuse in the eyes of the law and it is up to a purchaser to prove that he had no suspicion the fish was poached

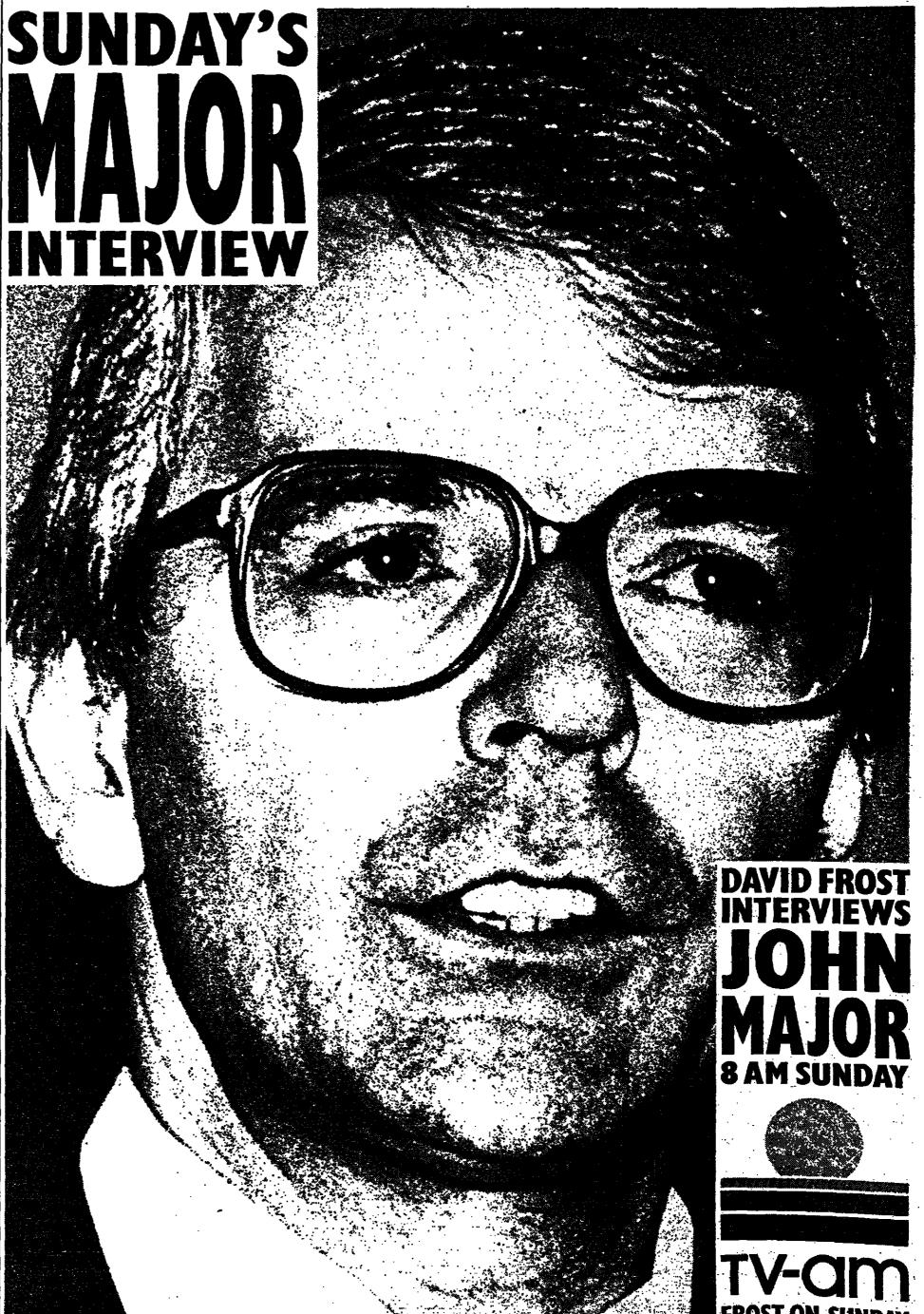
The leaslets also point out that a person charged may be convicted on the evidence of one person only, in spite of the normal legal requirement of the corroborated evidence of two witnesses.

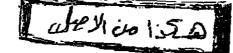
The association said: "Buying any salmon from doubtful sources does not mean that you are getting a bargain.

You will, more often than not be buying an inferior product which may be totally unfit for human consumption. The salmon may have been taken by the use of cyanidebased poison or other noxious substance."

Group Captain John Proudlock, secretary of the association, said: "Every week there are three or four cases of poaching on the Tweed coming up at court.

"All these fish are sold and it is well known that hotels take them. Even the best class hotels are not averse to taking them in at the back door."





## Japan may push UK to top of European car-making league

Britain could be Europe's leading car producer by the turn of the century - as a base for the Japanese companies that are the largest manufacturers in the

Three Japanese companies, Toyota, Honda and Nissan, could be manufacturing 800,000 cars annually in Britain for sale here and on the Continent as trade barriers are dropped within the European Community after 1992.

On Thursday European Commission delegates will travel to Tokyo to try to negotiate a trade truce with car makers to prevent a huge growth of Japanese imports, which may cost thousands of iobs in Europe.

It is that fear that will almost certainly lead to the introduction of a transitional period restricting imports from January 1 1993, probably for five years. Anything more could lead to a scaling down of the £1.5 billion of investment in Japanese car manufacturing in Britain.

companies as they streamline production to face the new threat. Japan is angry that it has effectively been told that its companies are more unwelcome than, for example, IBM, or

Anything less will lead to fears of mass

job losses among Europe's biggest car

Ford or General Motors from the US. The EC delegation can expect some hard bargaining when it meets repre-sentatives of the Japan Automobile Manufacturers' Association and govern-

At the Geneva Motor Show earlier this month Japanese manufacturers signalled their intentions. Mr Yoshikazu Kawana,

president of Nissan Europe, said his business was modelling itself on GM and Ford as a truly European business. That would mean producing cars at Sunderland with 80 per cent European content, with about 90 per cent of those components coming from Britain, and design carried out in Britain.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders says that Britain could be making more than two million cars a year by the end of the decade with the increase from the present 1.3 million likely to come almost entirely from the three Japanese operations here.

Nissan has proved in Sunderland with an indigenous workforce that Britain can match the kind of efficiency levels once thought to be attainable only by the Japanese. The result is that output is scheduled for 100,000 cars annually and

will be doubled by 1992 - with only 3,500 employees.

Toyota also expects to be making 200,000 cars a year by the mid 1990s with 3,000 people at Burnaston, Derbyshire, and Shotton, Clwyd, and Honda 100,000 models, both its own and for its British partner, Rover, at Swindon.

In addition, Mazda and Mitsubishi are looking for sites and Suzuki is planning to open up an £83 million factory in

Even if the European market continues to expand to about 15 million new car sales annually, the Japanese production in Britain will hurt its competitors.

The Economist Intelligence Unit predicts an increase in Japanese sales from about 11 per cent to more than 20 per cent by the mid 1990s. More than 10 million jobs, 8 per cent of manufacturing in the EC, are in the car business and, despite criticisms of Japan, have been employed in some of the most protected markets against Japanese imports in the

In Italy, Fiat accounted for seven out of the 10 best-selling models in 1988. Japan is allowed to sell only 30,000 cars.

In France, the PSA Group, which runs both Peugeot and Citroen, plus Renault hold about 65 per cent of sales. The Japanese are allowed 3 per cent. In Spain, where Volkswagen owns the home-based Seat company, taking a fifth of the market, Japanese imports are limited to 2,000 cars a year.

All three have defied British protests that production from Japanses plants in the UK should be counted within a quota for imports from Japan. Professor Garel Rhys, adviser on the motor mittee on trade and industry, says that it will be their own fault if France, Italy and Spain lose most from an unshackled Japanese industry.

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He says Europe's car makers have remained largely bound by their thriving home markets instead of striking out for exports, as have the Japanese. The result is that firms are dependent on

their home markets. While the EC wants to discriminate against cars made by the Japanese in Britain, that would not prevent imports of Japanese cars made in the United. States coming in.

It is the success of the Japanese in the United States, where they now account for more than a third of the market, that EC manufacturers are anxious not to see

## Baby-theft alert after call by fake health staff

By Peter Davenport

night with teething problems.

There was a knock at the

door and the woman there was

carrying a clipboard and she

introduced herself as Mrs

Crowshaw and said she was

"After she asked questions

about Jordan I told her it was

his first birthday on April 18

and she said she might as well

examination there and then."

she repeatedly refused to let

the woman examine her son

health visitor became abusive

Mrs Hargreaves added: "At

and stormed out of the house.

the time I did not suspect

anything. The woman was

well-spoken and smartly

"After she had gone

telephoned my local health

centre to contact her to clear

up the bad feeling and to see if

that name worked there and I

realized I had been conned. I

just went cold and shaky. Now

won't trust anyone ever

The police in West York-

shire said that all available

detectives had been drafted on

to the case, which they regarded as serious.

Earlier in the week police in

South Yorkshire issued

women they are seeking in

Photofit pictures of two

connection with the series of

field and Rotherham. They

Det Supt David Foss, of-

ficer in charge of the South

Yorkshire inquiry, said that those involved may gain some

sort of perverse sexual pleasure out of the examinations

or it could be part of a

determined effort to steal a

incidents.

"I was told that no one of

she could call back again.

dressed and confident.

Mrs Hargreaves said that

eventually the bogus

my new health visitor.

Detectives hunting for a gang of bogus social workers they fear is preparing an attempt to steal children yesterday added another incident to the seven cases they are investigating.

A team of 12 detectives was set up by South Yorkshire police earlier this week after incidents in which women posing as social workers examined children for sexual abuse give him his yearly medical and, on at least one occasion, tried to remove young people from their home, claiming to have court warrants to take them into care.

Senior officers said they believed the incidents may be part of a determined attempt to steal children who then might be subjected to more serious offences.

The latest incident, disclosed yesterday, occurred on Thursday at Littletown, near Liversedge in West Yorkshire when a woman posing as a health visitor tried to examine

Yesterday the two police forces were liaising and comparing details of the

Acting Det Insp Terry Lambert, officer in charge of the West Yorkshire inquiry, said that links between the incidents could not be ruled out. "A very similar modus ope-

randi to that employed in South Yorkshire was used in the latest incident and the description of the woman involved is very similar to the one which police there have incidents in and around Shefissued." he said.

The latest incident came at said that a man was also the home of Mrs Julie Har- involved in some of the greaves, aged 25, at Ings Crescent, Littletown, while her husband Brian, aged 35, a works director, was at his

At a police press conference yesterday, Mrs Hargreaves said that she had just put her baby son Jordan to bed because he was tired after a

## Herculean find in garden



Ms Helen Pottle, a Sotheby's expert, with a 17th-century Florentine statue of Hercules, bought for £120 at a market 20 years ago and estimated to fetch up to £80,000 next mouth. It stood neglected in a Welsh garden until the owners read of a similar statue worth millions.

## Vendor to sue Christie's over

Giambologna's "Fata Morgana" statue, who accepted Christie's £4,000 estimate for it, only to see it sell for £715,000 last September, wants compensation from the auction house now that the sculpture is being offered by its new owner for up to £5

"It is definitely worth more than it fetched at auction and I intend to go to court to get

Mr Charles Allsopp, chairman of Christie's said: "At the moment there are no grounds for compensation. He got a very good price."

The Viennese-born collector, aged 79, insisted that he had told the auction house that the work was by the great Italian Mannerist.

Had he not paid for a photograph in the catalogue, he argues, the sculpture would probably have sold for the £4,000 estimated. "I was labergasted when they put it is a small provincial sale." in a small provincial sale."

Mr Allsopp commented: "I have no knowledge of that personally. A great many people make claims for their objects. If we took into account what everybody says we would produce some very funny catalogues."

The sculpture was one of many works of art consigned to auction by the collector last year. His diary is full of appointments with specialists from a number of auction houses, none of whom appear to have noted the sculpture's quality. Representatives from Christie's include members of the antiquities department, old master drawings and wat-

ercolours departments.

## statue pricing by Sarah Jane Checkland

Art Market Correspondent sculpture. "I cannot remember being told it was by

Giambologna," she said. Luckily for the auction house, the statue's quality was noticed by a number of poten-

tial buyers, including Mr Timothy Clifford, director of the National Gallery of Scotland, an underbidder, and Mrs Pat Wengraf, the London dealer who bought it.

A test case in which a vendor claimed damages for negligence against the Godalming auction house Messanger May Baverstock was overturned last Christmas. Dr Charles Avery, head of

sculpture at Christie's, re-signed last week after it was discovered he had personally placed a bid on the sculpture. Mr Charles Saatchi's new ssion for the works of

Lucian Frend is revealed at an exhibition of 25 works bought over the last 18 months. The 10 paintings, 10 etchings and five drawings, mostly portrayals of humanity in the

raw, can be seen at the advertising tycoon's gallery in St John's Wood. Most expensive was "Two Men in a Studio". Mr Saatchi is understood to have bought it bought last winter for £1.26 million. Four 18th-century orna-

mental stone plaques stolen from Heveningham Hall, once described as "the grandest Georgian mansion in Sufhave been recovered from an architectural salvage firm in London. An antique Mrs Iona Bonham-Carter dealer spotted them for sale

### Customers 'will foot nuclear power bill'

By Kerry Gill

The cost of retaining the Torness nuclear power station could amount to an extra 12 a week being extracted from every customer, the Scottish National Party claimed vesterday.

Scotland's two electricity boards did not need to use nuclear power, but were being pressed by the Government to sign contracts to buy it in, it was alleged.

Scottish Power and Scottish Hydro-Electric are at present being prepared for privatization. Both will be allowed to generate their own power, with the exception of the nuclear sector, which will remain under state control.

The nationalists said, however, that the Government was twisting the arms of the boards to enter into binding contracts to buy all the output from Scotland's two nuclear plants, at Torness, East Lothian, and Hunterston.

Unlike the English boards, there is no legal obligation in Scotland for the two power companies to purchase nuclear supplies, but they are certain to do so.

Mr Kerr MacGregor, the SNP energy spokesman, said that the signing of contracts for nuclear power would saddle Scottish consumers with unnecessary electricity costs which would have to be passed on to the consumer.

If contracts were signed without the Government's shouldering the huge financial habilities of the nuclear plants, the extra cost to every Scottish consumer would be £100 a year or £2 a week. The British nuclear millstone must not be hung around Scotland's

## Firm action call on wife-beating

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By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

Police are to be urged to treat domestic violence in the same way as other violent offences. The Home Office is to issue guidelines pressing police to record well-founded com-

plaints about wife-beating. Ministers, who have become increasingly concerned about the scale of the problem, hope that improved recordkeeping will harden police attitudes and lead to more prosecutions in serious cases.

In many areas, complaints of domestic violence are never formally recorded by police, let alone acted upon. One exception has been the Metropolitan Police which, since recording every instance of reported domestic assault.

The guidelines, expected to have the support of chief constables, will insist that range from common assault to every allegation is entered in station crime books. Domestic homocides are domestic.

violence is believed to affect one family in three.

The move was welcomed yesterday by women's groups and social workers, who said better record-keeping would encourage police to drop their traditional reluctance to get involved in "domestics".

However, some experts suggested that it would do little to improve public understanding of the scale of the problem as only a fraction of cases would continue to find their way into the Home Office's quarterly published crime statistics.

Police have adopted a tolerant attitude towards domestic violence. However, attitudes are changing and many forces are setting up 1987, has had a policy of units to encourage battered women or men to lodge formal complaints.

Domestic violence, in itself not a separate offence, can murder. A quarter of all

#### Methodist numbers decline

Methodist Church membership has continued to fall over the past three years but more people are offering themselves for ministry and leadership positions, according to new church statistics (Clifford

Longley writes).
Membership fell by 19,000 from 1986 to 1989, down to 432,000. The Methodist "community roll" - supporters who are not church members - fell in the same period from 1,346,000 to 1,321,000.

Recruitment to the Methodist ministry, however, has remained buoyant, around the target of 100 new ministers every year. There were also increases in the number of baptisms, of "local preachers on trial", and of lay workers in full-time church service.

#### Twins foiled

Tony Litton, a prisoner aged 19 who walked out of Cardiff prison during visiting hours after changing into his twin brother's clothes, has been recaptured. His brother, Terry, has been charged for helping in the attempt and is now also in the jail.

Judgement later The High Court reserved judgement on a claim by United States Tobacco International that a government ban on the supply of oral snuff does not prevent it exporting its UK-manufactured "Skoal Bandits" to the rest of Europe,

#### Marsh remand

The former world boxing champion Terry Marsh was again remanded in custody by magistrates at Barking, Essex, on a charge of trying to kill his former manager, Mr Frank Warren. He will reappear on

#### April 6. Postal clash

Postmen in Colchester, Essex went on strike yesterday over reorganization plans as Sir Brian Nicholson, the Post Office chairman, visited the county and promised customers a better service.

## Roman dig

Bromley Council in Kent is to spend £135,000 excavating a Roman villa on a site that was to be used for a car park.

## Bar protest over clients left without legal aid

the Lord Chancellor over the civil servants behind closed fall in the number of people doors. who can get legal aid.

and the General Council of the Bar have told Lord Mackay of of Clashfern that his latest uprating of the financial limits which determine who qualifies for legal aid will do little to "stem the decline" in aumbers.

There is overwhelming evidence, they say, that a growing number of people are falling outside the scope of legal aid. One recent estimate was that 14 million people have

dropped from the scheme over the past 10 years; and the Lord ancellor has acknowledged that only 56 per cent of the population now qualifies for legal aid in civil cases (other than family).
The Law Society's own

research highlights that de-cline. Heads of households

(with a dependent wife and two children) on one and a half times average carnings, and even on average earnings, who both qualified for legal aid (paying contributions) in 1979, now no longer qualify, it

The letter attacks Lord

Mackay's review of the finan-

The two branches of the legal cial conditions for legal aid, profession joined forces yesterday in a formal protest to that this is being carried out by at a low point in relations

Instead, the Lord Chan-In a letter the Law Society cellor should set up an inund the General Council of the
Bar have told Lord Mackay of legal aid eligibility, to
Clashfern that his latest publish its report within six months. The findings could be fed in to his department's main review.

> "Given that the findings of previous reviews have been disputed by the Government, and the vital importance of this issue to the public, there is surely an overwhelming case



between the profession and the Lord Chancellor over legal

The Law Society in particular is aggrieved about his 7.5 per cent pay award for solic-itors doing legal aid work in the face of a 21 per cent claim.

In their letter yesterday, the two bodies issued a warning that although the Lord Chancellor's review of legal aid was intended to lead to "better targeting" of the scheme, it could "further restrict eligibility, to help the poorest clients at the expense of others".

Yesterday the Lord Chan cellor's Department said it felt that dealing with the percentage of people covered by legal aid was not the best way of tackling the issue. "We think it is more relevant who needs legal aid, and for what purpose." A percentage figure might

include all sorts of people who did not need a particular kind of legal aid, such as the retired, who were unlikely to want legal aid for divorce, the department said. Although the timespan for

the review was two to three years, the Lord Chancellor had said changes would be made as they were agreed.

## **Sex case doctor** sent 'love' card

Dr Catherine Scott, a psychiatrist, admitted yesterday she sent a patient a Christmas card bearing the words "to the one I love" two months after she claims he raped her.

The card was signed "with best wishes and lots of love from Catherine", the General Medical Council was told.

Dr Scott, aged 38, who is charged with serious pro-fessional misconduct, broke down in tears as she told the GMC professional conduct committee of the alleged rape. She said the 24-year-old her feelings of guilt after patient - named only as Mr A allowing Mr A to make "proburst in on her on October 9, 1988, and had sexual intercourse with her "against my

Cross-examined by Miss Rosalind Foster, counsel to the committee, she said rape was a difficult word to use. Miss Foster said: "It is a serious allegation, isn't it?" Dr Scott, of Liverpool Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Wigan, Lancashire, replied:

Miss Foster: "Particularly between a doctor and a patient?" Dr Scott: "Yes." Miss Foster: "It simply isn't true that you were raped, is it?" Dr Scott: "It is. We had sex against my will."

Dr Scott claimed the alleged rape was the second time she had sexual relations with Mr A, a drug-addicted schizo-

phrenic. However, she claimed that after talking to a senior consultant psychiatrist it was decided she ought to continue seeing him as a patient under controlled conditions.

She agreed that on the day after the alleged rape she went with Mr A to Bolton where a sweater was bought for him. She also went to a chemist and bought a "morning after" pill. Dr Scott said: "I was feeling desperate." Dr Scott went on to speak

longed" love to her in a room in Prestwich Hospital, Manchester, two months before the alleged rape. However, she agreed it was inappropriate to send a card

signed "to the one I love" to a patient who had allegedly raped and threatened her. Dr Scott told the committee

of hour-long phone calls from Mr A in which he threatened her and her husband and said he might have to rape her. Dr Scott's husband, Neil, told the committee his wife beckoned him to the telephone to listen to Mr A threatening to have her struck off unless she agreed to see him again. Mr Scott said his reaction

was of sympathy for her and immense hatred for Mr A. The hearing was adjourned

## Roar of air war gives ammunition to critics

By Ronald Fanx

The sudden roar of a military jet flying low overhead prompts one of two reactions at ground level in the Eden valley of Cumbria. The sound is either an exhibitrating reminder that "our lads are defending the realm", or an unwanted intrusion into rural life.

Exercise Mallet Blow, which begins on Monday and lasts five days, will be an impressive onslaught with up to 220 acrial attacks a day and yet more ammunition for those who object to the startling sound and sight of jets weaving over the countryside at little

more than treetop height.

The National Farmers' Union has complained that the exercise will coincide with the busiest time of the lambing season. It said: "Strike Command has ignored our pleas. The sudden shock roar from a jet flying overhead definitely puts both ewes and lambs at risk,"

News of the exercise comes after a Ministry of Defence report into a collision between two low-flying RAF Tornado aircraft last August. The chance circumstances of the

crash near Blencarn, which resulted in a fireball over the village and the deaths of four aircrew, were described in the report as the impossible becoming possible. That conclusion has not impressed many villagers.

Mr Alan Stones, an artist, said: "Every time a jet flies low over the house I think about that crash. "It's a reflex now; the crunch of metal then the explosion and the flash that lit the room through the blinds. Debris landed 300 yards from the

Mrs Elizabeth Stones said:

Explanations are almost irrelevant. It happened and our feeling is that it could happen again. When they go over so low that the apple tree shakes and the children burst into tears we complain but get fobbed off with arguments about the need for defence training and Nato commitments. But why are they doing it, what are they defending against whom?"

In the parlour of Dr Michael Clay's home in Blencarn the argument centred on the changes in Eastern Europe that had changed the attitude of the public but not, apparently, the

However, Mrs Dorothy Clay was more concerned about cracks in the potting shed windows and broken

She recalls the shock of seeing an RAF Jaguar roar over her car shortly before it crashed into the fells near Hartside. "It went over so low we all ducked and the car swerved."

 The Government has held talks with Washington about a Pentagon proposal to build a huge £1 billion radar system on the Welsh coast to provide carly warning of Soviet aircraft and low-flying cruise missiles, the Ministry of Defence confirmed yesterday (Michael Evans writes).

The Pentagon wants to construct the radar at Brawdy, in Dyfed, where the Americans already have a special naval facility.

The Ministry of Defence said that no decision had yet been taken about building a new radar system.

Prince sees

## Close finish to race in disillusioned Australia

power in which the economy

has taken a severe beating. Internal party polis show Mr Hawke returning to an un-precedented fourth term in

office by a narrow margin, despite being able to offer little

hope for decisive action to bring down mortgage rates — the towering issue of the

election campaign — which currently stand at 17 per cent. Widespread disenchant-ment with the main parties

has opened a unique opportunity to the left-wing Australian Democrats, who have never won a seat in the House of

Representatives, even though

they boast seven members in

the Senate. Mrs Janine

Haines, the party leader, hopes to capture at least 10 seats in the 148-member

House - enough, perhaps, to hold the balance of power, just

as her party sometimes holds

A Newspoll survey published yesterday gave 41.5 per cent to Labor, 39.5 per cent to

the Liberal-National Party co-

alition, 14 per cent to the

Democrats and 5 per cent to others. But a Morgan Gallup

poll put the Liberals narrowly ahead of Labor - 42 per cent

The final outcome depends

in large measure on how

primary votes given to de-feated candidates are re-

distributed under Australia's

preference voting system. Supporters of the Democrats

and "Green" contenders are

expected to give their pref-

erences overwhelmingly to

The compulsory voting sys-

tem is assumed to benefit

Labor because it mobilizes the

big blue-collar vote. The sys-

tem has been in force since the

1925 election. Failure to vote

without good cause is punish-

Officials at the Canberra-

able by a fine of £10.

Labor Party candidates.

to 39.5 per cent.

Australia's general election mains the party's greatest campaign ground to a close asset, even after seven years in yesterday as two last-minute opinion polls showed Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, struggling desperately to hang

on to power.
The subdued five-week campaign petered out amid more dreary news on the economy, which seems to have entered a recession. Both main contenders appeared ex-hausted and depressed by the angry responses of a disillusioned electorate.

At least 90 per cent of the 11 million voters will go to the polling stations today, forced by law to make a choice when clearly neither main party has managed to ignite even the dimmest spark of enthusiasm. Mr Hawke's Labor Party

has long since lost its popular appeal and by any normal political logic the Liberal-National Party coalition ought to be heading for a decisive victory. The fact that it has not forged well ahead of Labor is due in large measure to voters' unease about Mr Andrew Peacock, the Liberal leader.

The snappy, ill-tempered Mr Peacock did himself no good this week when he was caught by a television camera calling a journalist a "bastard" for writing an unflattering story. Much of his campaign was a disaster. For a time it was buried in obfuscation as questions were raised about his understanding of economic questions, resulting in impenetrable discussion of economic minutiae.

To many voters, Labor and the Liberals seem almost identical. Labor has certainly moved to the right, although it still does not advocate the cost-cutting, tax-reducing policies that have formed the cornerstone of the Liberal

Party's election bid. There is little doubt that Mr Peacock's days as Liberal leader will be numbered if he loses today. Mr Hawke, too, indicated that he would not stay on as Labor leader if he lost. Even in victory it is not expected that he would see out a full three-year term. It is rumoured he would step aside after a year in favour of Mr run over. Even death is cited. Paul Keating, the Treasurer.

For all the economic gloom that has tarnished Labor's the turnout can reach a stunpopularity, Mr Hawke re- ning 96 per cent.

Approving laws on the nod in Taiwan



Four senior members of Taiwan's National Assembly snoozing yesterday during a session in Chungshan Hall, just a day after thousands of students ended a week-long protest calling for reform of the country's

geriatric political leadership (Our Foreign Staff writes). The sit-in protest in a central park was prompted by the presidential election by the National Assembly, which is dominated by elderly Nationalist students during the past week, ended

politicians. Nearly nine out of 10 of the assembly's 752 deputies were elected 43 years ago and need not

to give President Lee a chance to implement democratic reform. President Lee, who was elected to another six-year term, has promised an

## Collor puts his shirt on making the wealthy pay

cial institutions will be obliged

to purchase stakes when they

The only area, an important

whether the Government has

been radical enough concerns

public spending. By comparison with Argentina, what is

proposed is pretty sweeping.

Eleven ministries are to be

closed or merged, and thou-sands of civil servants laid off

(although still paid, at reduced

rates). Many parastatal agen-

But the package as a whole

is bound to create some degree

of recession and with it, loss of

lift as it has promised the

President Collor's gamble is

that the medicine will work

quickly enough on inflation to

enable him to boost the money supply, by degrees, by unfreezing part of the frozen

assets. The sooner he can do it,

the better, since the Govern-

ment's raid on savings is

legally questionable and the

value of the frozen accounts is

bound to fall.

living standard of the poor.

cies are to be closed.

Brazil's bloated stock market ianism, nowhere more evident plunged this week by 50 per cent, as the country's affluent classes absorbed the astonishing news: President Collor de Mello, the man many of them had voted for last December because they did not believe his election rhetoric about making the rich pay for eco-nomic reforms, has been as good as his word.

based Australian Election The radicalism of the pack-Commission say they have age unveiled last Friday has heard every imaginable excuse - I was out of town, could not been rivalled in Latin America only by Bolivia. In polfind the polling place, the car broke down, the wife was sick, itical terms it is still more I had a bad back, the dog got daring and marks, as Senhor Collor promised, a break with the old order which had Most Australians, however reluctantly, obey the rule and sustained the disparity beween the living standards of rich and poor. It combines heavy state intervention with

market liberalization. The centrepiece is a monetary squeeze: the Government has frozen, for up to 18 months, \$115 billion (£71.8 billion) of individual and cavalier about sacking workcompany savings accounts and deposits - removing 70 The Government is banking per cent of liquidity at a on economic liberalization to stroke. Price controls have raise the revenue needed to been imposed, and the predicted inflation rate for April is down to 15 per cent from

this month's 85 per cent. The penalties on the rich, who had made a good living out of runaway inflation by investing government paper, do not stop there. The new fiscal measures, notably a wealth tax and levies on financial transactions, are the most visible signs. But even more far-reaching are the abolition of government-funded incentives and subsidies for business, and a dramatic lib-

eralization of imports. Generations of Brazilians have grown rich on the cosy cartel relations between government and business. Subsidies, state contracts, pricefixing arrangements, and corruption have flourished behind some of the world's stiffest protectionist barriers. The party is over, too, for

Brazil's feather-bedded state industries. Senhor Collor's package combines economic liberalism with more than a President Collor: Living up streak of political authoritar- to his election rhetoric. streak of political authoritar-

charges

Mr Robert Kirchner, his copilot, and Mr Joseph Balzer, flight engineer, tace a maxi-

Washington (Renter) - The National Front for the Salvation of Libya, an exiled Libyan opposition group, has accused Colonel Gadaffi of staging a fire that damaged the Rabta chemical plant near Tripoli last week to pre-empt a possible US raid and justify a security crackdown.

Britons killed

Cruz, officials said. Gun dealer shot Brussels (AFP) - Gerald Bull. an American arms dealer and the chairman of Space Research Corp, was shot dead here yesterday as he entered

Ivory banning

Hong Kong (AP) - The Hong Kong Government proposed legislation yesterday to outlaw ivory trade in the colony from

## Reagan's star quality dims

From Susan Ellicott, Washington

losing his magic touch.

His once overwhelming Gone was the Hollywood-popularity has so declined that style stature that combined his predecessor in the White House, Mr Jimmy Carter, a peanut farmer dismissed by critics as a wimp and ousted from office in a stinging defeat by Mr Reagan 10 years ago, has taken the edge in recent

public ratings. "Carter edges Reagan in public esteem," The Wall Street Journal announced on its front page. The poll by the estate salesman or a small-conservative newspaper town druggist (village shop found: "The Georgian is owner) than a retired viewed positively by 45 per cent, almost the same as Reagan's rating, but Reagan showed the full seven hours

Further puncturing the Reagan myth, national television this week showed almost eight hours of video-Reagan in the latest Iran-Contra trial. Appearing greyer, markedly older and suffering from lapses of memory. experienced Reagan watchers sadly concluded that their star

had dimmed.

The imposing frame of Mr Reagan, who was a defence witness for Mr John Poindexter, the former White House security adviser accused of lying to Congress about the worst political scan- never fully recovered.

Former President Reagan, dal of the Reagan era, looked once dubbed "The Great smaller than in real life as he Communicator," seems to be sat under the flat courtroom

with his avuncular charm. Trapped in that witness stand, Reagan seemed humbled, like King Kong brought

into Manhattan, or ET dressed up for Halloween," wrote a Washington Post The New York Times described Mr Reagan as look-

ing "more like a retired real National network television

has appreciably higher and 40 minutes of Mr Reagan's testimony over two days. The latest Reagan television appearance took many viewers aback. Mr Reagan's stumbling performance - he taped testimony by Mr said the equivalent of: "I don't remember" 150 times - reinforced perceptions that he was never in control as President or was avoiding the truth. All this, 15 months into Mr Reagan's retirement, has further tarnished his image. The shine first dimmed amid

accusations of greed over his acceptance of a \$2 million (£1.25 million) fee from a Japanese firm for a speaking brought home from Britain, tour of Japan last year and has

## Plea to rescue Quebec accord

Mr Brian Mulroney, the Ca-nadian Prime Minister, has warned the country that it faces a "critical juncture" in its history, as he tries to ward off a constitutional crisis.

Mr Mulroney's televised ad-

day night was an attempt to mobilize support for the be-leaguered Meech Lake accord, a plan aimed at bringing French-speaking Quebec pro-vince into the Canadian Constitution.

Clearly worried that the accord is in danger, Mr Mulroney said: "We are at a critical juncture in our history. The decisions we make in the next 90 days will profoundly

Indications yesterday were that he had succeeded in easing some of the tensions over the accord, which will die unless ratified by all 10 provinces by June 23.

But the fate of the plan to beal the constitutional rift hetween French and English Canada hangs in the balance. Two provinces, New Bruns-wick and Manitoba, have yet to ratify the accord and a third, Newfoundland, is threatening to withdraw its earlier approval.

The tensions stem from Quebec's insistence that the accord - named after a resort near Ottawa where it was hammered out by Mr Mulroney and the provincial premiers - be adopted as it is. Under Meech Lake, Quebec

would be recognized as a "distinct society" within Canada. The dissenting provinces object to this and many other provisions. They are also unhappy with numerous omissions, and vow to kill the accord unless their concerns are dealt with.

Earlier on Thursday Mr Clyde Wells, the Premier of Newfoundland, introduced a motion in the provincial legislature to rescind Newfoundland's ratification of the accord. If his motion is passed, it will almost certainly finish Meech Lake.

Mr Mulroney drew praise from premiers for the one nounced. His Conservative Government will introduce in the Commons next week a resolution offering a possible way out of the dilemma.

This resolution addresses women's rights, aboriginal rights, regional disparities and other issues not covered by the Meech Lake agreement

Quebec, whose 6.5 million inhabitants account for a quarter of the national population, has repeatedly warned that it will have to re-examine its place in the Canadian Confederation if Meech Lake is not adopted.

Quebec's constitutional isolation dates from 1982, when it refused to accept the formula by which Canada's Constitution was finally where it had resided since Canada was formed in 1867.

## Prince sees hope in forest scheme

From Alan Hamilton, Donala, Cameroon

The greatest environmental forest in the centre, and a challenge of the next 20 years would be to reconcile conservation and development, the Prince of Wales said yesterday on a visit to the Korup rainforest project here.

Korup, where the Cameroon Government and the World Wide Fund for Nature, assisted by British overseas aid funding, are protecting 450 square miles of forest, was a highly regarded example that the world would be able to follow, the Prince said. The forest is one of the most diverse in the world, with more than 400 species of trees, and several hitherto undiscovered plant species.

The Prince described the Korup project as "a remarkable example of what can be achieved if a large number of people work together to create a sustainable system".

In his speech at a dinner given by President Biya at the start of the two-day visit, the Prince had spoken of "the priceless heritage" of Korup. Under the project a national park has been created with the

surrounding area in which it is hoped to manage controlled timber felling, hunting, agriculture and tourism which will support the local population and contribute to the economy. About 750 people live within the protected forest, and the project managers are trying to encourage them to resettle on its edge by provid-

ing roads, clinics and schools. There is, however, considerable controversy over what are soon as indiscriminate logging operations in the area, which is set in the remote Cameroon highlands.

After a 30-minute belicopter flight and a drive along dusty forest tracks, the Prince walked into the forest over a dizzy suspension footbridge 360 ft long and 50 ft high, built by British volunteers. He took a 30-minute walk on forest tracks accompanied by Dr Steven Gartlan, scientific adviser on the project.

Later the Prince flew to Tunisia for a private visit, the Princess having earlier retur-

## A pilot, who drank 19 rum-and-cokes and fell off his bar than in his sweeping plans for privatization. Private finan-

**Aircrew** 

on drink

stool before flying an airliner with 91 passengers aboard, and two of his crew who shared seven jugs of beer, have been charged with operating an aircraft under the influence of alcohol. Captain Norman Prouse

one, where there are doubts mum penalty of 15 years in prison if convicted. They have been dismissed by Northwest Airlines and had their licences revoked. They began drinking at 5.30 pm the evening before an early-morning domestic flight on March 8. Court papers allege that Mr Balzer and Mr Kirchner left about 10.30 pm "visibly intoxi-cated". Mr Prouse stayed until about 11.30 pm and "fell out

of his chair and had trouble Rabta claim

government revenue. There are bound to be lay-offs in the private sector, suddenly starved of capital — although the Government intends to limit these by threatening companies which are too ers with the tax inspectors.

> Grenoble (AFP) - Miss Fiona Murphy and Miss Julie Packenham, two English-women in their twenties, were killed instantly when they fell over a 2,000 ft cliff after a party on a ski holiday in the French Alos.

Drug clash La Paz (AP) - Roberto Suárez Levy, the son of Roberto Suarez Gómez, a jailed co-caine baron, has died after a shoot-out with police in the eastern Bolivian city of Santa

## Sewer diggers stumble on Cheops temple

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

American-financed sewer workers, digging close to the pyramids, have discovered remains of the valley temple built by the pharaoh Cheops for his funeral some 4,600 years ago. Experts have confirmed that the discovery, at Giza on the outskirts of Cairo, is the remains of the spot where Cheops' ritual journey to eternity began, before he was entombed in a

red granite sarcophagus in his pyramid, the largest ever built. Egyptologists claimed yesterday that the find was one of the most significant in the area since 1954, when two well-preserved wooden funerary boats were discovered buried just south of Cheops' Great Pyramid. The pyramid and the boats form some of the few vestiges of Cheops'

23-year reign. The experts said that the newly uncovered temple, in the village of Nazlet es-Samman at the foot of Giza plateau, was expected to lead to important clues about Cheops' life and his reign, which ended in 2528 BC and remains one of the great mysteries

of the pharaonic era. Mr Zahi Hawass, the Egyptian Antiquities Organization's directorgeneral of the pyramids area, said: "I would rather find rocks in their original place than a cache of gold or

statues that had been moved. "With what we are finding now, we can piece together Cheops's history and reconstruct how this part of the pyramids area would have looked."

Work on the sewage project in the village facing the Sphinx, itself threatened by rising ground water, began last year. Egyptian experts were assigned to monitor progress on the sewage project because of the high probability of finding antiquities in

The Egyptologists were alerted early this month when workers began uncovering large granite and lime-sione blocks, a flint knife belonging to an ancient workman, Roman brick walls and other relics.

By the middle of this month more remains were being unearthed. including the centrepiece of the discovery, a 59 ft long row of basalt rocks identified by the experts as the flooring for Cheops' valley temple. Basalt was an expensive stone, difficult to carve, and was reserved solely for royal use.

The discovery, certain to prove a

major new tourist attraction, lies 13 ft below street level and is part-covered with stinking sewage.

Only a few stones of the causeway from the valley temple, to which the pharaoh's body would have been brought by water for ceremonies followed by carriage up the causeway to the mortuary temple at the base of the pyramid, remain on the plateau

Rescuing the find is proving diffi-cult, as the archeologists have to contend with angry villagers worried that antiquities officials might force them to evacuate their homes. Engineers are now pumping out

foul water from the drainage ditch

where the temple flooring lies.
Egyptologists claim that the find confirmed theories about the layout of the Giza plateau during the 70-year period in which Cheops, his son Chephren, and grandson Mycerinus built their three pyramids and monuments near by. The description of early travellers to the area provided valuable hints to where Cheops' temple might eventually be found. In the fifth century BC, the Greek historian Herodotus wrote that he saw

Cheops's causeway, covered and

decorated with carved animal scenes.

only traces of the ruined causeway emained by the early 1840s. Mrs Alam Samuel, chief antiquities

inspector for the Giza plateau, which is at the centre of a fiercely contested improvement project being advocated by the Egyptian Government, said that the discovery supported Lepsius's accounts. "Pyramid experts can now stand in the village and trace the route of the causeway to the Great Pyramid," she said. "Unlike the straight path to the

pyramid of Cheops' son, it is now clear that ancient priests carrying Cheops' body had to wind their way around two curves to reach the mortuary temple." The journey to eternity began in the valley temple where the pharaoh's body was taken for ritual purification, and perhaps embalming. For the final rituals, it was carried up the long

to the pyramid. The Giza pyramids and the structures around them are precisely planned and executed as an elaborate system of rites for the dead. But their exact roles in the death and resurrection of the pharaohs are still the subject of intense debate.

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causeway to a mortuary temple next

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# East Europe hunts for the thinking man's diplomat

They have removed the Lenin bust from the conference hall of the Polish Foreign Ministry, but the diplomatic service is still dominated by communists (or social democrats as they now call themselves) working the cocktail circuit on behalf of the Solidarity Government.

But now, more than ever, the democratic East European states need a new breed of diplomats to implement fresh foreign policies, and the time has come for a purge

Britain has promised to help the Poles in training embryo ambas-sadors by offering courses in multilateral diplomacy. The French are willing to let Polish trainees work in their consulates. In Bulgaria there is talk of a charm school to teach Foreign Ministry clerks how to smile rather than grunt. But the first step is to

extract communist-aligned Tesu, ambassador to Warsaw, are diplomats at the outset that he did in the murder of Father Jerzy ambassadors: this is a revolution being purged. Mr Tesu, a pas-not care about their party cards: he Popieluszko, the Solidarity priest,

Czechoslovakia has replaced almost 30 ambassadors, thanks to the efforts of Mr Jiri Dienstbier, the new Foreign Minister. He was a Czech television correspondent in Washington at the time of the 1968 Warsaw Pact invasion. Then, courtesy of Brezhnev, he became a night porter, a truck loader and, until his appointment as minister, a boiler stoker.

He has appointed Ms Rita Klimova, a fellow dissident and a signatory of Charter 77, as ambassador to Washington, and the son of Rudolf Slansky, the Czecho-slovak Communist Party leader executed in the 1950s, as ambassador to Moscow.

Romanian ambassadors are being summoned home and are being replaced either by un-comfortable members of the Salvation Front or by poets, or

sionate supporter of Ceausescu became a passionate opponent only three days after the revolution last Christmas. He flashed Vfor-victory signs on Polish television, but to no avail. In Hungary, the opposition groups insisted that all diplomatic

posts be frozen until after the elections on Sunday. The Hungarian Diplomats' Union, a highly professional body, protested saying that the non-communists wanted to politicize the service. This balance between political acceptability and professional competence is being most actively sought by Mr Krzysztof Skubiszewski, the Polish Foreign Minister

and a professor of international

That is why his purge - of 19 ambassadors - is only just about after the Solidarity-led Government came to power. He told his demanded only competence and loyalty. So far competence is the main problem.

Communist party institutes provided the bulk of diplomats' training and linguistic skills, which stressed the learning of the Russian language. "In the mission in Greece nobody speaks Greek," claimed a diplomat in a weekly magazine. "In Malmo nobody speaks Swedish. When the Foreign Ministry decided to streamline embassies in the 1980s it withdrew the only Hungarian speaker from the Polish Embassy in Budapest. As far as I know only about four out of every 20 Polish diplomats abroad speak any foreign language

The foreign services in all East European countries - which were dictated to by the Politburos virtually became shelters for disgraced political figures. The gen-

was sent as charge d'affaires to Albania. Other ousted hardiners were sent to Libya and Syria while displaced liberal communists were

geria and Finland. In Poland, they are known as "parachuters", guaranteed a soft landing. Lower down, idle sons of Polithuro or Central Committee members were given undernanding diplomatic jobs and thus the opportunity to make a few dollars. Although the salary of a dip-lomat is low when at home, he

appointed trade attachés in Ni-

receives a monthly allowance of between \$1,000 (£625) and \$3,000 when posted abroad. There are no allowances for entertainment or school fees, but the salary is still princely, and well above that of the Prime Minister.

Polish diplomats scrimp and save, rarely attending dinner parties since they would then have to

socializing is done at cocktail parties since the diplomat can stock up with canapés

The most sought-after posting is still Moscow since the diplomat can regularly return home and smuggle goods bought on the Soviet black market. The best deals involve cars - buying at diplomatic discounts and reselling in the Middle East.

As Eastern Europe charts out a new course, this self-serving breed of diplomat has become a liability.

Until 1989, all foreign policy had to be co-ordinated with Moscow. For its representatives on international organizations, the alphabet saved any embarrassing divergences - the Czechs, Poles, Hungarians and Romanians simply watched how Belorussia voted and followed suit.

Now, however, the normal consultation channels have collapsed - witness the divergence of opinions at the latest Warsaw Pact give one in return. Most of the foreign ministers conference in

telephone contact between Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, and his counterparts in

w celive

Till blu

Last month Poland embarked the Pact. on a diplomatic offensive in the

hider he West to apply pressure on Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, with barely a backward glance at Moscow. Moreover the Poles, Czscho-slovaks and Hungarians want a united Germany to stay in Nato,

while the Soviet Union does not It is a new age of old-fashioned European diplomacy and the East Europeans, for the first time in 50 years, need diplomats who can

think on their feet. A group of Hungarian diplomats is taking this view literally and has signed up for dancing lessons, looking foward, perhaps to the ultimate rennification of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the restoration of the old impenal

## Unity hope slows flood of refugees from East

From Ian Murray, Bonn

man Alliance for Germany,

formed by the Chancellor, are

increasingly at odds.
One of them may well now

have to drop out if there is to

be any chance of forming a

grand coalition - and without

a grand coalition it will not be

possible to assemble a large

enough majority to pass the

The problem centres on the

need to bring the Social Dem-

ocrats into government. Al-though they won only 21.84

per cent of the vote, compared

with 48.14 per cent for the

three Alliance parties, it will

not be possible to pass consti-

the support of their 87 mem

Herr Kohl - although h

has excluded the Social

Democrats in the West from

tion - does urgently want the

At the heart of the Chancel-

sister party of Herr Kohl's

The DSU has already said in

bers in the Volkskammer.

quired for reunification.

The number of East Germans Bonn coalition, while the moving west to settle dropped three parties of the East Geryesterday to just a quarter of the level it reached before last Sunday's elections, showing that hopes of early reunification are now stopping the damaging exodus.

The number registering over the day was just 706, compared with an average of about 2.800 last week.

On Thursday the number fell below 1,000 for the first time since last July, with just 931 registering. The figure on Wednesday had been 1,156 and the previous day 1,580, so the downward trend is continring, to the relief of Herr Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, and of the Lander, which have been struggling to accommodate the 400,000 who have come out since the Wall opened in November.

The Federal Government is now considering prosecuting Bremen and Saarland for refusing to take their allotted share of these new settlers. Social Democrats in the East Saarland - where Herr Oskar to join a grand coalition so Lafontaine, the Social Demo- that the necessary legislation cratic Party candidate-elect can be rushed through. In the for Chancellor, is Prime Min- involved horse-trading this ister - has taken only 1.3 per requires, new strains are cent instead of the 2.5 per cent beginning to emerge in the

Bremen, which also has a Social Democratic government, has accepted 1.8 per Social Union (DSU), which cent instead of the 1.3 per cent won 6.32 per cent of the vote it was required to, but it has and 25 seats in the new Volksnow closed its reception cen- kammer and which is closely tres ahead of a government linked to the Christian Social decision to do so from July 1. Union (CSU), the Bavarian

Stopping the exodus is the most important immediate Christian Democrats (CDU). result of the elections, but with the lengthy process of forming will stand as a national party a government capable of negoin a united Germany. The tiating reunification, it must party sees itself as to the right be an open question how long of the Christian Democrats. East Germans are prepared to wait. Herr Kohl has now suggested that reunification Social Democrats in the East. may not happen until some time in 1992, even if it is possible to introduce currency With his eye on the goal of

The difficulties of forming ease the DSU out so that the the coalition are straining the Social Democrats will join.

## Coming down to earth



Workmen guiding the Goddess of Victory down to earth from the top of the Brandenburg Gate for repairs yesterday.

The statue was damaged by revellers who climbed it during the first New Year's Eve celebrations to be held at the Gate after its reopening. It needs restoration work costing more than £330,000 (Anne McElvoy writes from East Berlin).

Its right-wing leanings, however, are too much for the Although the gate stands in East German territory, West Germany is taking over the who refuse to consider joining cost of restoration, which will be carried out in public view in the Transport Museum of West a coalition which includes it. unity, Herr Kohl is trying to Berlin. The four horses surrounding the statue are also being repaired. Precision lifting equipment is being used to prevent further

ference consists of the United

States, Canada and all Euro-

pean nations, except Albania.

Mr Krzysztof Skubiszewski, the Polish Foreign Minister,

attended yesterday's meeting

Berlin powers: A major

issue at the two-plus-four talks

expected early next month will

be how to do away with the

remnants of supreme au-

thority which still rest with the

victorious powers (writes

A whole series of mecha-

nisms exist, based on occupa-

tion rights, that rest supreme

power with the four wartime

allies, including the final defi-

nition of state borders, control

of air corridors, the power to

veto legislation and the

stationing of troops in Berlin.

that a line has to be drawn

under such post-war arrange-

ments so that a united Ger-

many can be fully sovereign.

this can be done, and there is

some concern that Moscow

might block the process.

The question remains how

At the heart of the problem

is the unanimity required of

the four victorious powers. To

some extent they find them-

selves hoist with their own

petard. The Quadripartite Agreement, which the four powers signed in 1971, set

aside the fundamental legal

differences between the two

sides to establish a modus

vivendi over Berlin.

The Western powers agree

Michael Knipe).

damage to the figures but the entire operation depends on the weather.

While the statue is down the East Germans will take the opportunity of blasting away the fortified wall, 18 inches thick and constructed to withstand tanks, behind the Gate. Experts had warned that the goddess was too fragile to withstand the shock.

The statue will be put back on top of the Gate later in the year, but facing the West. It was turned round from its original position by the East Germans in the 1950s,

A mass of specially constructed light scaffolding now covers the entire edifice, with teams of building workers drafted in to help in the renovation work.

## Muscovites alarmed by capitalism

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

week with the situation in energies on another applica-tion of their President's newly acquired power; the expected - and much-feared - decrees on economic and monetary reform foreshadowed in his

These - it is anticipated could push the Soviet Union on to the fast track of capitalist development from a standing start of near-bankruptcy, a prospect widely greeted more as a threat than a promise.

The semi-official news its interview with Mr Gorbainformation gleaned from reformist parliamentary deputies, suggesting that as many as 17 separate legislative orders are ready for immediate promulgation and that the measures will mark a clean break with the cobbled-together socialism of the past.

The proposed legislation has been compiled by Mr Leonid Abalkin, the leading economist and deputy Prime Minister. It is said to deal with such diverse subjects as the full convertibility of the rou-ble, new wholesale prices and the withdrawal of state agencies from most commercial

activity. Interfax said the new measures would become effective supplies.

Speculation about urgent and drastic economic measures has been reinforced by information published in the new — and well-connected weekly journal Kommersant. An anonymous commentator said 20 new measures were being drafted for completion by May 1.

It said that a new commission had been set up under the chairmanship of Mr



Mr Gorbachov: Expected to

President Gorbachov may Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Prime have been preoccupied all Minister, which was to prepare a report by April 10 on Lithuania, but Muscovites the transition to a "planned-have been concentrating their market economy" and draft the relevant legislation.

The areas of new legislation reported by Kommersant in-cludes Bills on "freedom of economic activity and enterprise development", "price reform", "principles of anti-monopoly legislation", "foreign investment in the USSR", "indexation of incomes and consumer prices", "banking" and "the customs

there would also be paragency, Interfax, has published a series of items, from organization of food distribution in market conditions", chov's chief economic ad- and "social security for poor viser, Dr Nikolai Petrakov, to citizens during the transition information gleaned from to market relations", as well as government decrees on tax inspection, credit reform, the creation of a bond market, the introduction of a single conversion rate for the rouble, and new wholesale prices for agricultural and industrial raw materials.

Taken together, this legisla-tion would add up to a of the whole Soviet economy. Without the spur of presidential decrees, however, it is unlikely either to be implemented or even passed by the Supreme Soviet, which had difficulty enough with the half-hearted Bills on property

April 1, May 1, June 1 and July 1 are all being bandied from July 1. Whether they July 1 are all being bandied would be announced in adaptous as possible dates for the vance is a question of extreme reforms to be unleashed on an sensitivity because of public apprehensive population. The trepidation about anything to do with price reform and food overnight price increases coupled with currency convertibility - is discussed in hushed tones by academics at their seminars and in the Moscow Metro by commuters.

Last week the "Polish variant" was brought a step closer when it received suddenly favourable coverage in the Soviet media. Long-standing foreign residents of Moscow insist that Russians are better off now than they were 10 years ago. The problem for the leadership is that people do not feel better off.

 VIENNA: Despite Mr Gorbachov's drive for self-suf-ficiency, the Soviet Union has agreed to buy billions of dollars of US grain in a sign that Moscow expects to de-pend on huge food imports for years (Reuter reports).

Soviet and US negotiators this week unveiled a tentative agreement, hammered out here this week, that calls on Moscow to buy at least 10 million tonnes of United States wheat, corn and soy products every year for five

The accord means minimum United States sales of about \$6.5 billion (£\$ billion) over five years.

Bear baiting, page 10

## Dissent seeks equal voice

Ulan Bator (AP) - Mongolia's opposition groups have de-manded that the communist Government set up a provisional legislature with equal representation of all parties to oversee elections.

Opposition groups were allowed to send observers to the annual Hural, the Mongolian legislature, for the first time, but they were not allowed to speak.

The Mongolian Democratic Association (MDA) and its affiliate, the Mongolian Democratic Party, are seeking legal guarantees that the ruling People's Revolutionary Party will not end the country's political thaw. They are also demanding legalization of opposition parties.

The association has surgested several formulas for setting up a provisional legislature, with the People's Revolutionary Party holding at most one-third of the seats. The communists currently account for 93 per cent of the Hural's 370 deputies.

"The main thing is for us to have our own vote there, but we have little hope," Mr Galsandorg, a lawyer and association member, said.

The communists have replaced their leadership and the Hural elected a new President and Prime Minister on Wednesday as steps toward reform. But opposition groups say more than personnel changes are needed.

Several Hural deputies expressed concern on Thursday about the proliferation of opposition groups and called

for a law to regulate them. One delegate said to warm applause: "They press the party and Government and demand things, and if these demands are not met they organize demonstrations and hunger strikes. I am against that. Even families have leaders and we must, too."

A military delegate suggested on Wednesday laws to regulate demonstrations and conditions for imposing a state of emergency. Another delegate said dem-

onstrations had occurred in rural areas as well as Ulan Bator, but gave no details. The opposition groups say thay have set up branches nationwide, although their bases are in the capital.

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In several letters to the Hural, opposition parties also demanded that the Government shut down the Marda uranium mine, but Mr Sodovyn Bathuyag, the Min-ister of Fuel and Power, reported it aiready had.

The mine in eastern Mongolia produced 100,000 tonnes of uranium last year for export. to the Soviet Union, Mr

Bathuyag said. Mongolia's only functioning Buddhist monastery, at Gandan, petitioned the Hural to abolish government control of religion. A few monks have joined opposition rallies.

## Talks on Nato urged

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

All Nato troops stationed in Negotiations on Vienna part states be formed to meet Germany should be included two must follow on from part regularly to discuss European in future arms control negotia- one without a break." regularly to discuss European one without a break." tions, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, said

At present the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) talks in Vienna only envisage cuts in Soviet and American troop strengths, to 195,000 each in Central Europe. But Herr Genscher said that Europe.

"CFE2" negotiations should follow immediately after present are 239,200 US forces, agreement had been reached in the present talks - expected by the end of this year - and the present are 239,200 US forces, agreement had been reached 52,700 British, 5,700 Dutch, 52,700 French, 7,100 Cabricolombia and 26,600 Belgian. they should embrace all troops. Herr Genscher, Minister said the first agreeaddressing the nine-nation ment on conventional arms Western European Union in cuts also opened "the road for Luxembourg, was echoing negotiations about shortsimilar demands made by

The Soviet Union, howthey would like a limit of

Herr Genscher said European countries which had until 1992. foreign troops stationed on German territory should be Genscher asked: "What funcincluded in the second round. tion will these weapon sys-This would include, among others, both Germanies.

"Without decisive steps tobe no European unity and no German unity," he said.

Nato governments have rejected Moscow's attempt to

include all stationed forces in the cuts now being negotiated, although it is recognized that certain manpower reductions inevitably will follow the withdrawal of tank and artillery units, to meet the agreed limits on armaments in Stationed in Germany at

The West German Foreign range nuclear missiles and atomic artillery".

In May last year, Nato ever, has been suggesting a governments agreed that neceiling on all troops during the gotiations on "partial" cuts in present CFE negotiations. Although not formally tabling missile systems could begin such a proposal, Moscow once implementation of a negotiators have made it clear conventional arms treaty was "underway". It was also de-700,000-750,000 on each side. cided to leave the decision on whether to modernize Lance

But yesterday Herr tems have in the future?"

Herr Genscher also told the Western European Union that wards disarmament, there will the 35-nation Conference on Security and Co-operation in erman unity," he said. Europe — "a major source of "We must begin preparing stability" — should be given a CFE2 right now. Disarma- higher profile. He proposed a ment is at the core of Euro- permanent council of foreign pean and German unification. ministers of its 35 member

## Spectre of Stasi over new MPs

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

Herr Hans-Jürgen Joseph, East Germany's Prosecutor-General, yesterday rejected demands that the files of all 400 newly-elected East Gerpublic scrutiny after allega-tions that up to 50 of them may have worked for the Stasi

secret police. He said that the move, demanded by the commission charged with the dissolution of the Stasi, would be un-constitutional until requested by a majority in the Volkskammer (parliament) and that it was the duty of the individual parties to examine the past

of their politicians. Herr Lothar de Maizière. the Christian Democratic leader, has said that he is prepared to stand for the post of Prime Minister, despite accusations that he worked for the Stasi as a lawyer.

His decision defies the recommendation of Herr Manfred Stolpe, the head of the East Berlin Protestant Church, and many others in the victorious conservative Alliance for Germany, who believe that Herr de Maizière should forgo the office as long as there are suspicions about

Herr de Maizière said yesterday that claims that he had signed a commitment to work for the Stasi, and alleged

#### vened for its first session before the spectre of the Stasi

past is casting a shadow over its new democratic image. This is scarcely surprising as man MPs should be opened to the highly professional secret public scrutiny after allega- service had 80,000 full-time workers and over 100,000 part-timers on its books which, in a country of 12 million adults, means that most had some contact with

> Because the Stasi enjoyed the status of a ministry, other organizations, such as the State Travel Bureau and sports clubs, had to provide information if it could be proved that this was in the interests of state security. In the eyes of Herr Erich Mielke, who was head of the organization, just about everything

its tentacles at one time or

Herr de Maizière has denied the allegations of actual cooperation while admitting that he had had contact with the security service in the course of his legal work.

One brave psychology professor at the East Berlin Humboldt University has started an experiment to test reactions to the Stasi phenomenon. On one notice board in his department he has hung out the names of those students who worked for the Stasi, on the facing wall the payments from it, were names of those they spied on. A dozen students appear on

## Swedish military watch

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

Sweden has increased its milities involved and are ready to Baltic states, "If one is realistary preparedness as a result of act quickly if there is an tic, one shouldn't expect too nia, the Defence Ministry said here yesterday. It said the meet them, if they come." armed forces were monitoring Soviet troop movements in all three Baltic states.

Major-General Bertil Osterdahl, head of Sweden's Weststates just now."

On the Swedish holiday island of Gotland, 120 miles from the coast of Lithuania. preparations are being made for a Dunkirk-style evacuation of refugees expected to flee in small boats from the republic in the event of Soviet

military intervention. Mr Hans Linder, the is-"We are following develop-

Force is reporting increased vigilance by Soviet patrol boats off Lithuania, and it is

There is an abnormal level of military activity in the Baltic reach Gotland would be assured of accommodation. The island hosts 400,000 tourists from the mainland each summer but is generally deserted in winter.

The Government is under pressure from Baltic exiles living here to recognize Lithuanian independence. Mr Klemens Gumanskas, chairman of the principal Lithualand's civil defence chief, said: nian exile organization, called for Mr Ingvar Carisson, the The country's fledgeling both boards. That is the lesson ments with interest. We have Prime Minister, to "clarify" Schori yesterda had talks with all the authori- Swedish policy towards the Swedish policy.

exodus of refugees. We will go much," Mr Gumauskas said.

"Sweden recognized with in-"Sweden recognized with indecent haste the Soviet However, the Swedish Air occupation of the Baltic countries."

All the main political parties back Mr Carlsson's cauquestionable how many refu- tions approach, except the ern Military Area, said: gees would reach the Swedish Greens, who are demanding that Sweden recognize Lithuania as independent.

Mr Carl Bilds, the Conservative Party leader, who recently visited the Baltic states, has condemned the Government for doing too little and called for it to send a "permanent emissary" to Lithuania.

Mr Carlsson has assigned Mr Pierre Schori, Foreign Ministry Permanent Under-Secretary, to visit Vilnius next month as head of a Swedish "cultural delegation". Mr Schori yesterday defended From Ernest Beck, Budapest

official end tomorrow in Hungary when 7.5 million voters to the polls in the country's first free multi-party elections from the capital to the in more than 40 years.

Hungary, Eastern Europe's October and the one-party state has been slowly dis-

mantled over the past year. This will be the first chance direct say in setting the na-tion's political agenda and to Communist Party agreed to relinquish its monopoly hold on power in 1988.

Opposition parties are hoping the vote will deal the death blow to the remnants of communism, embodied in the reformist Socialist Party and its hardline Marxist rival, the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party, which were formed when the Communist Party

split last October. Recent poils indicate that hardline rump of the old communists less than 5 per cent, a humiliating defeat for the people who wielded power over the nation for more than

Opinion poll figures for the two leading parties in the race, released yesterday, showed the liberal Alliance of Free Democrats and the centre-right as Prime Minister. Hungarian Democratic Forum almost neck and neck on 21.4 and 20.9 per cent respectively. The right-wing Small- two years are the obvious holders Party was third on choices of most Hungarians. 15.4 per cent.

Pozsgav, the once popular Socialist Party leader, put a brave face on the impending electoral rebuke. "We are well aware that left-wing ideas and democratic socialism have been compromised by Stalinnothing to do with this," he said, repeating the party line most now bankrupt. that it was the Socialists who opened the way to democracy.

Although Mr Pozsgay said ties including the Democratic Forum and the Alliance of Free Democrats, have ruled out any participation in a new government by former Social-

Dr Jozsef Antall, the president of the Democratic Forum, yesterday appeared confident his party will gain a clear majority in the first

Four decades of Communist round of voting by attracting domination will come to an voters in all regions. "We are ready to help complete a political and spiritual transformation in all of Hungary

countryside." The Forum's appeal to pioneer reformer, approved a nationalist sentiment and democratic constitution last "Christian values" may be helped by the violent clashes in Transylvania between ethnic Hungarians and Roma-This will be the first chance nians as the party was an early for Hungarians to have a champion of minority rights for Hungarians living abroad.

Mr Peter Tolgyessy, a leader choose leaders freely since the of the Free Democrats, predicted that the clashes could add up to 4 per cent to the Forum's tally.

A dark horse in the elections the slightly erratic Smallholders' Party, which advocates a radical land reform programme to return all property confiscated by the Communists and to privatize

farming.
It shares philosophical ground with the Forum and the Free Democrats on foreign the Socialists will take 10.7 per policy — including a swift cent of the vote and the withdrawal of Soviet forces and Hungary pulling out of the Warsaw Pact - but no party has yet come to grips with its land proposals.

However, last week Dr Antall hinted that the Smallholders were ready to compromise with the Forum. opening the way for a centreright coalition with Dr Antall

It is no surprise that the opposition parties born in the climate of freedom of the past

Although the "soft com-However, as campaigning munism" of the late Kadar came to a close Mr Imre years allowed for some private market initiative and relative freedom to travel, the mechanism of repression and censorship remained intact. Books were banned, dissidents were barassed and real economic reforms were blocked by the ist practices, but we have presence of party apparatchiks running the large state firms,

It was, in fact, the failed economic policies of the party which eventually forced the he believed the Socialists reformist wing, led by Mr might be placed fourth among Pozsgay and Mr Miklos 25 parties putting up can- Nemeth, the Prime Minister, system as a way to attract massive Western aid.

All parties except the hardline Socialist Workers' Party favour a quick return to capitalism, a free market system and respect for private property. Economic restructuring will be a priority for the

## Row deepens over Romania's Hungarians



#### Budapest steps up criticism

Hungary yesterday sharpiy stepped up its attacks on Romania, denouncing Bucharest for tolerating pogroms and parties which advocate senocide, and accusing the Government of the same dictatorial behaviour as former

Mr Imre Szokai, a Deputy Foreign Minister, said Romania had turned a deaf ear to all Hungary's calls for talks and dialogue. He said Mr Petre Roman, the Romanian Prime Minister, had not made his promised telephone call to Mr Miklos Nemeth, his Hungarian counterpart. The Romanian press had printed groundless stories of Hungarian troop movements without any official attempt to contact

the Defence Ministry here. Mr Szokai poured scorn on reports of an agreement to allow ethnic Hungarians to study in their own language. He said Romania had instead obstructed the importing of Hungarian books.

"It is with sorrow that we see the same attitudes shown as under Ceausescu, the same expressions." The Romanians had issued statements "whose constructive approach".

He compared the situation in Transylvania to that of Nagorno-Karabakh, the enclave disputed by Armenia and Azerbaijan, and gave a warning of tension deliberately created by some Romanian groups to destabi-

## Not all's well that ends well

A Broadway production of a her responses. "Why the hand a Beckett for his friend, the "To help his Czechoslovak playwright-cum-President Vaclav Havel, has stirred up a controversy because of the happy ending substituted for Beckett's typically gloomy finale.

The play, Catastrophe, is showing at the John Houseman Studio Theatre on New York's Theatre Row on West 42nd Street as part of a double bill honouring the new Czechoslovak leader.Beckett wrote the play in 1982 and dedicated it to Mr Havel, then serving a four-and-a-half years prison sentence.

In the original text, a character identified as the Director, helped by his Assissacrifice to the oppressive

The dialogue consists entirely of the orders the Directhe production, which one tor gives to his Assistant and critic described as "a severe

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"Why the hat?" wink" at the changes. "To help hide the face." But his lawyer and pub-

"Why the gown?" "To have him all black." lisher disagree, and yesterday published an irate letter in The "What has he on under-New York Times asking for "His night attire."

"Colour?" "Ash." The play ends with the defeated Protagonist being shown to the crowd, the stage darkening and a spotlight shining on his suffering face. The scene is accompanied by a

sound effect of applause. But in the Broadway version, updated to take account of Mr Havel's rise to high office in a country in which he was long persecuted, the play ends with the Czechoslovak tant, is preparing to put a national anthem stirring the martyr on public display as a Protagonist to unfurl himself to his full height, with his arms

raised in triumph. The theatre's description of disappointment", tells the their fight for democracy, audience that Beckett would posters outside the Civil Forum headquarters in Prague's Wenceslas Square proclaimed: "Godot is Here". Dem-onstrators chanted: "Godot

Havel himself regards Beckrestored or for Beckett's name to be dropped from the production. "The ending and meaning of the play have been totally changed," wrote Mr Martin Garbus and Mr Barney Rosset, Beckett's lawyer and

publisher respectively, adding: "He would be appalled." Beckett, whose plays were banned in Czechoslovakia under the Communist regime,

became a hero to the prodemocracy movement there. One opposition poster showed Beckett gagged and bore the legend: "If Samuel Beckett had been born in Czechoslovakia, we'd still be waiting for Godot." Late last sent Havel a signed manuyear, as Czechoslovaks won

has arrived".

ett and the British playwright, Harold Pinter, as his masters. When he first read Catastrophe on his release from prison in 1983, he immediately wrote a play in response, called The Mistake.

"The two plays added to each other and were supportive of each other." Havel wrote. "I hope by saying that I am not suggesting that I am equal as a playwright to Samuel Beckett."

When Havel heard that Beckett was dying in Paris, be spoke of visiting him once the presidency had been settled. But that was not to be. Two days before his death. Beckett script copy of Catastrophe.

## Kosovo 'poison' cases on the rise

Heigrade (Menter) — A mys-tery illness struck again in Yugoslavia's Kosovo pro-vince yesterday, with ethnic Albanian children reporting sick for a second day amid fears of renewed unrest. Radio Belgrade said there were new reports of suspected poisoning in four Kosovo towns - Pristing, Vucium, Titova Mitrovica and Liplian -

cramps, nausea and breathing problems in the town of Podujevo on Thursday. Tanjug new agency said:
"The hospital in the town of
Pec was besieged with people
claiming they and their relatives had been poisoned."

Ethnic Albertians are made in

after more than 400 ethnic Albanians suffered stomach

Ethnic Albanians ran riot in Podujevo on Thursday chant-ing "You poisoned our child-ren". They assaulted at least 16 Serbs and Montenegrins, stormed police and com-munist party buildings, broke into houses and harassed drivers and rail passengers.

Radio Belgrade said most of the Serbs and Montengrins, ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, had fled Podujevo overnight. Kosovo was caim yesterday morning, but Thursday's clashes raised fears of a surge

in ethnic unrest on the eve of the March 28 anniversary of the Serbian cutbacks Kosovo's autonomy. Kosovo opposition group

reported 70 new cases of iliness in Vucitre, and the Albanians said the children were victims of mass chemical poisoning. Some doctors suspected food poisoning; others said some children could be said some construction to the feigning illness. "The life of none of those in Pristina Hospital is in danger," Mr Aljus Gasi, dean of Pristina medical faculty, told the newspaper Vecernje Novosti.

Yugoslavia drew sharp criticism for its Kosovo policy in a report released yesterday by the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights, which monitors compliance with human rights agreements signed by European countries. It said that the "massive purge" of ethnic Albanians

## The party line-up in Hungary

The main parties contesting Hungary's election tomorrow include:

Hungarian Democratic Foum (HDF). Founded in 1988, has centre-right policies close to West German Christian Democrats, advocating grad-ual privatization, rural market economy, greater local government and eventual Hungarian neutrality.

(AFD). Founded in 1988, proposes radical liberalization, rapid restructuring and privatization, faster Soviet troop withdrawal and speedy exit from Warsaw Pact. League of Young Democrats (FIDESZ). Founded 1988, is

Alliance of Free Democrats

closely aligned with AFD, but wants more social welfare. Strong "back-to-Europe" programme with full integration into Western Europe Independent Smallholders.

Advocates comprehensive land reform, returning all land confiscated by communists confiscated by communists and privatizing agriculture.

Hussgarian Socialist Party (HSP). Reform wing of former communist party, formed after split last October and constituting majority of

present government. Speaks of rebuilding Hungary along Scandinavian socialist lines. Hungarian Socialist Workers Party (HSWP). The rump of the old communist hardliners. Wants modern Marxist state in Hungary, with close links with the Soviet Union. Social Democrats and reborn "nostalgia parties" similar to West European

Others to watch: People's Party. Centre-left nationalists revived from 1939; Patriotic Election Colition. Stronghold of trade unions and organizations unable to form own parties; Agrarian Party. Overshadowed Smallholders. Entrepreneurs Party. New party calling for

counterparts:

## Glitch could short-circuit democracy

Hungarian election, they tested the computers that will monitor the results. Embarrassingly, a third of them did not work. In the old days, a percentage point here or there did not matter. Everyone knew who would win.

could commit the Hungarian Democratic Forum to obliv-ion, make the Smallholders the big winners, or even give a hefty vote to the old

pointed suppliers of a new M386 computer to each constituency, has got technicians in rented helicopters on standby, ready to fly at a ment's notice to any of the 176 constituencies where Hungary's latest technology may show signs of letting democracy down. At the last test, they all worked fine.

The same cannot be said for the phone system. More than 1,000 journalists have arrived here, many direct from Berlin, on the second stop in the Great East European Election Circuit. Their frustration is likely to grow as the phones become progressively worse at

each new stop. But the Hungarians are doing their best to keep the world informed. An election centre, with working phones, has been set up in a magnifi-cent pre-war casino, complete with chandeliers, ornate

dings and marble pillars. building was the private club of the Minister of the Interior, where the privileged relaxed and plotted against the dissidents - most of whom are now leading the parties stand-

ing for election. Tomorrow the old casino

fidence. Unlike their neighhome in the blizzard of posters, the television harangues and all the trappings of a general election. Years of ten-But now a faulty circuit tative steps towards democ-ould commit the Hungarian racy have given them a democratic Forum to obliv-familiarity with free speech.

But even Hungarians must be shocked by the cheek of some of the posters. One shows the fat nape of a departing officer, in familiar KGB olive uniform. "Com-rades," it has written in Russian across the top, "It's the Brezhnev in his dotage plant-ing a slobbering kiss on an aged and fawning former East German leader, Herr Erich Honecker. By cruel contrast, a young couple beneath it kiss in a romantic celebration of the political spring. "Please make a choice," the League of

Young Democrats implore. There is an overt hankering for the good old days of imperial glory. One poster for cross and crown of St Stephen the old sacred emblem, break ing through the hated red star and Soviet emblem.

Central Europe is being reincarnated here. That is now the obligatory terminology: Curtain overtones, has been consigned with communism to the rubbish bin of history. brimming over with a statue of Stalin, a party card, posters of Lenin and all the paraphernalia of the last 40 years.

Central Europe conjures up the Habsburgs, Strauss, cream cakes in Viennese coffeehouses, old ladies in flowerwill see Hungary's biggest pot hats, order, tidiness and national gamble in 43 years. essentially Germanic values. pot hats, order, tidiness and

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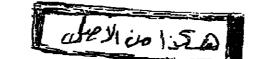
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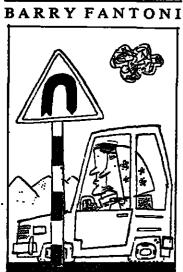
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São Paulo

he Brazilian Grand Prix will be staged tomorrow against one of the more bizarre backdrops in international sport. Financial measures of awesome stringency have left everyone - the most poverty-stricken Paulistano, journalists, hangers on, even the great Nigel Mansell himself — in a state of shock. Savings have been impounded; exchange rates, official and unofficial, are unfathomable; and to make things even more interesting, you can't actually exchange anything, because there is no local currency to be had for love or travellers' cheques. Meanwhile, as the pampered motor cars of the Formula 1 circus whizzed about with a shanty town visible beyond the boundaries of the track Mansell was complaining about the £650 landing fee he had to pay when he arrived in his private jet. "That", he said, "is five hundred more than it costs me at Heath row!" Poor Nige. You get all kinds of poverty, don't you? The plane was only hired, too, while his hated rival, Ayrton Senna, has just bought a new one.

Il right, a hole in one is a pretty ordinary sporting miracle, but this takes some beating: Margaret Waldron managed it twice, on successive days, at the same hole on the Amelia Island Plantation course in Florida. Furthermore, she is 74 and suffers from "macular degeneration", which gives her dark spots on both eyes. She is, in fact, officially blind. For the long putts, she asks her husband to stand by the hole, and aims at his white golf shoe. Driving, she aims at a spot six feet in front of her and swings through it. On the third day she tried for the hat-trick, but bogeyed the hole. "I missed a 10 foot par putt like a dummy," she said.

his column likes to celebrate remark-able women. Isabella Di Giovanni certainly qualifies, being Italy's only convicted female soccer hooligan. She was jailed for a night, given a 100-day suspended sentence and banned from football grounds for three years after being found guilty of assaulting a policeman at the Roman derby match last Sunday. Di Giovanni, aged 21 and a Lazio fan, was one of six people arrested when police invaded the crowd to break up a fight between Lazio and Roma supporters. "It's true," she said in court. "I also threw something at the police. I lost my head. Only a few seconds before, I saw the police beat up a dear friend." Di Giovanni, who affects jeans and black paratrooper boots, stands behind the goal at home and away and is a member of the "Irreducibile" faction of supporters, or the unshakeables. An Italian paper called her "the Joan of Arc of the Irreducibile," claiming that she was "in everyday life sweet and sensitive, but completely transformed by the stadium."



Should be crossing the border

obin Stieber writes to me without R documentary evidence, but with palpable sincerity, to demonstration another superbly sponsored competition, this one being a soccer league noticed in Dublin in 1983. It is (or was, for aught I know) called The Pat Grace Famous Fried Chicken League of Ireland. And talking of food, I hear of an American jockey who finished third in an eating contest. P.J. Lydon, who rides at Aquaduct in New York and weighs in at 103lb, went to a Manhattan restaurant called Rusty's and ate 25 baby back ribs in three minutes.

fter the great Jamaican bob-sleigh team - I hope no one has forgotten A team - 1 nope no one has a regular their performance in the last winter Olympics - comes another grand sporting concern, the Indian skiing team. India entered six Alpine and five cross-country skiers in the recent Asian Winter Games at Sapporo, in Japan, the second such games to be held. Teams from Iran, Taiwan and the Philippines also contested the event. Undoubtedly the star of the Indian side was Insha Mir, a girl of 16 who did not possess any skis of her own. Until now she has performed on rented skis on the Himalayan foothills near her home at Gulmarg, in Kashmir, but after Sapporo a Japanese ski manufacturer has presented her with a pair.

eonid Kravchenko, director of the Tass news agency, said yesterday that were the Soviet Union to lose Lithuania, it would suffer a tragedy equal to that of the

nuclear accident at Chernobyl. His view is not shared by all Russians. Some have had enough of the troublesome Baltic states, and would cut them off without a kopek tomorrow, nuclear power stations and all. Others, in calmer mood, regret that Lithuania's leaders have acted so fast, but would still let the republic go far sooner than in five years' time as envisaged by the draft law on secession. The Baltic states, they say (a little enviously), are different from other parts of the Soviet Union and always have been.

None the less, the Tass director had a point. The loss of Lithuania would resemble the Chernobyl disaster in two ways: its fall-out would be felt all over the Soviet Union, as republic after republic sought to follow Lithuania into independence, and it would inflict untold damage on Moscow's selfesteem and its standing in the

This combination of domino effect and damaged prestige is what President Gorbachov prob-

Lithuania: Mary Dejevsky on Gorbachov's harsh options

## Breath-taking bear-baiting

ably hopes above all to avoid. He untary national guard is one; the has to avoid it, however, without using force. Comparisons with Tiananmen Square would repel the West and undo in a matter of hours the most outstanding of Mr Gorbachov's achievements: the effective ending of the cold war. If Moscow tried to retain Lithuania by force, it would qualify not for charity, as it did after Chernobyl, but for

President Gorbachov's chief difficulty is that Lithuanian leaders seem to have been encouraged by Moscow's avoidance of force to explore just how far they can go. Perhaps they feel that popular pressure demands action, or perhaps they simply do not understand what will rile Moscow. (Much has been made in the past of the psychological differences between Balts and Russians.) But some of their actions this week seem to have been aimed, deliberately or not, at the Kremlin's tenderest spots. The recruitment of a volmove to establish independent customs posts is another, the Bill on anti-state (that is anti-Lithuanian) activity is a third, and the timetable for transforming the state broadcasting committee into a fully Lithuanian organization is a fourth. Each of these can be construed in Moscow as anti-Soviet action of a treasonable kind.

It is still unclear whether these moves are any more than gestures on the Lithuanian side. It is equally unclear whether President Gorbachov's decrees, telegrams and deadlines are matching gestures or something more. Economic sanctions (cutting energy supplies, telephone and transport links) are still in reserve, but everyone is asking just how much teasing the Russian bear can take.

An element of personal pique on the part of the Soviet president may also enter the equa-tion. Mr Gorbachov, despite having the cool, long-term

the admission of his close associates, an emotional man. Partly by accident, partly by some fast footwork, the Lithuanians succeeded in outmanoeuvring him, and he does not like to be

outmanoeuvred.

Had Mr Gorbachov been able to keep to his original timetable for making himself executive president, Lithuania's action could probably have been forestalled. The republic would not have had time to complete two rounds of parliamentary elections and to call parliament into session. A presidential decree could have pre-empted the independence declaration.

Unfortunately for Mr Gorbachov, the Supreme Soviet delayed his original schedule by two weeks. In those two weeks - after a landslide election victory for the popular front movement, Sajudis - Lithuania brought forward its second round of elections, convened the first freely elected parliament for half dence. The USSR Congress of People's Deputies which made Mr Gorbachov president assembled the very next day.

Time and again, in scripted of extempore statements about Lithuania, Mr Gorbachov has condemned the baste with which the republic's new leaders rushed through independence. As the first Soviet leader to accept that constitutional provision for secession must be reflected in real, workable laws, he appears to resent Lithuania's decision to take unilateral (and at the time probably constitutional) action without consultation.

The arguments for settling a negotiation procedure soon and starting the economic and political disentanglement are strong for both sides. But we should not ignore the element of national pride. Lithuanians would like the process recognized as "decolonization" or the righting of a historical wrong (the 1940 annexation), rather than as nego-

tiations under a new all-union law. Given that Moscow believes it heads a voluntary federation not an empire, that is extremely wishful thinking, but the prob-lem could probably be eliminated by a speedy decision on

Moscow, for its part, seems to be gambling on delay. If it can keep Lithuania at bay until a new union treaty guarantees genuine federation and allows the Baltic republics freedom in fact if not in name, it hopes they might choose to remain within the Soviet Union, however theorem-

cal that union would be. Such thinking is profoundly misguided. It underestimates the sense of nationhood in the Baltic states, and their sense of historical injustice. It ignores their main reason for seeking independence: not to gain eco. nomic or practical advantage but to break the psychological shackles imposed by annexation. In this respect, the ultimate aims of Vilnius and Moscow are profoundly at odds, and it is hard to see any diplomatic formulation smoothing over the

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disparity. Moscow is left with the choice it had in the beginning: to use force, or to let Lithuania go and with it at least three other Soviet republics.

# Will the Tory swing back be enough?

Labour victor in the Mid-Staffordshire by-election regarding the result as a message to the Western world. By-elections need to be rescued from the hype associated with media overkill. The irony is that in spite of breaking the post-war record for a by-election swing, the result was expected. The effect of preelection opinion polls and television exit polls is to render the declaration an anti-climax.

Yet the Mid-Staffordshire result was remarkable. It is only Labour's 14th gain from the Conservatives in by-elections since the war. The 22 per cent Conservative-to-Labour swing dwarfs the 12 per cent swing Labour achieved at Glamorgan in May last year, and its previous post-war best in Rochdale in 1958. Labour needs a swing of little more than 8 per cent to gain a majority at the next general election; it needed 13 per cent to capture Mid-Staffordshire; 22 per cent leaves plenty in reserve.

Kenneth Baker's explanations were prepared well in advance. By-elections are often protests against the government. If the incumbent party loses a byelection, it often recaptures the seat at the following general election (Labour's previous record swings of 30 per cent at Liverpool Wavertree in 1935 did not prevent both seats returning to the Conservatives in the

subsequent general election). Just over 12 months ago, the Conservative vote at Richmond, Yorkshire, fell by an even larger figure, and the headlines celebrated the breakthrough of the SDP. By-elections are often nine-day wonders.

Conservative optimists may

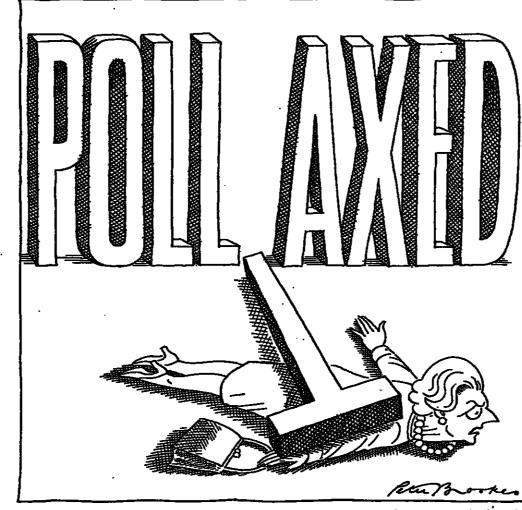
also point to previous bad midterm slumps for governments. Yet Macmillan in 1959 and Mrs Thatcher in 1983 and 1987 went on to score big victories, and Sir Alec Douglas-Home nearly snatched victory in 1964. And of course the Tories suffered bigger falls in their votes at by-elections in the last parliament.

But comparisons with the past, however potentially re-assuring, are misleading.

The electoral background has changed decisively in the past six months. The big anti-Conservative by-election swings in the 1980s were usually the result of tactical voting - to the benefit of the Alliance, which was never regarded as an alternative government. Indeed the by-elections were often an occasion for anti-Labour voting as well as anti-Conservative voting. Richmond in February 1989 was the last such notable occasion.

Like the old Alliance, Labour is vague about specific policies and is a catch-all party for the discontented. Yet the collapse of the 1987 centre vote, and Labour's ability to garner most of it, give the anti-Conservative votes a different status.

In the past, Conservatives profited from three-party politics; Labour is now gaining from the return to two-party politics.



#### After the Mid-Staffordshire loss, Dennis Kavanagh finds the return

of two-party politics adding to Mrs Thatcher's existing problems

The Conservative fall since 1987, of some 10 per cent in the opinion polls and some 17 per cent in by-elections, may be modest compared to the falls suffered in the 1980s, but with the return to two-party politics, these reductions spell electoral disaster. In a nurshell, there is now an alternative.

The ITN Harris exit poll confirmed that the community charge gave disillusioned Conservative supporters an excuse to defect, but it also showed that two key groups in the old Thatcher electoral coalition have turned away. Among mortgage payers in Mid-Staffordshire, Labour led the Conservatives 46 per cent to 32 per cent, and of Conservative defectors to Labour, more than half were mortgage payers. In the last two general elections, Conservative victories have been built on the C2s, the skilled working class. On Thursday night, this group voted nearly three to one for Labour. The poll tax, inflation and high interest rates have alienated the new Thatcherites

of the 1980s, for the time being at The 1983 and 1987 general election victories were built in large part on the support of voters who felt that they had done well under Mrs Thatcher. Today MORI shows a record score of pessimists about the future of the economy. Gallup also finds a record low (14 per cent) of voters who think that the economy is being handled prop-erly. Even in the winter of discontent in 1979 the figure did

not fall below 31 per cent. Not all of this dissatisfaction, however, will translate into Labour votes. More specific questions by NOP and private polls tell a different story. The Conservatives are still preferred to Labour when it comes to handling inflation, taxes and keeping the economy strong. Labour still has a big job to do to overcome scepticism about its economic competence.

abour's vote in Mid-Staffordshire has more than doubled since 1987. It seems to have been boosted as much by dissatisfaction with the Government as by positive support for itself. The MORI pre-election poll suggested that those switching to Labour were evenly split between tactical protesters and genuine converts. The exit polls showed that sufficient voters were prepared to stay with

Labour to ensure that it held the

seat in a general election. But that mood may not last. In the short term the result will further boost Labour's morale and lift the self-confidence of its leaders. But it will also increase the pressure on the party to present its policies in detail.

There is still no relief in sight for the centre parties. Paddy Ashdown has in the past poured scorn on opinion poll ratings of 5 or 6 per cent for his party, and pointed to the "real" votes in local government by-elections, but by-elections are now as embarrassing for the Liberal Democrats and the SDP as they are for the Tories. One glimmer of comfort for Ashdown is that the aggregate vote for the Greens, SDP and Democrats still runs as high as 16 per cent.

The pendulum has clearly swung from Conservative to Labour. It may have swung as far as it will go, and we do not know how enduring the new mood is. One has to go back to 1963 for such a run of sustained and high Labour leads over the Conservatives in the opinion polls. It is well known that Labour will have to break post-war records of swings to gain a majority in the next election, but for the Conservatives to recover from this mid-term slump and win the next election would also require a record swing back in public opinion. The usual swing back of 6 to 7 per cent to the government will not be enough. Contrary to Mr Baker's public reassurances, the Conservatives have not been here before and won - and he knows it. The author is Professor of Politics

at Nottingham University.

### Clifford Longley

## Churchmen a-chatter

"melancholy, long, with-drawing roar" was how Adrawing road Matthew Arnold described the retreat of faith from the shores of civilization more than a hundred years-ago. But a retreating sea leaves shallow. pools behind it, full of strange creatures doing interesting things. What is absorbing about the spectacle of two crabs fighting is how absurdly futile their aggression looks to the spectator.

A 1990s Matthew Arnold would probably not think this extension of his metaphor sufficiently polite to apply to the General Synod of the Church of England, for he respected religion. But crab-fights do go on there. Whether the Synod has anything to do with advancing the cause of the Christian faith in England is another matter. Doubts such as this are spreading, even in the Synod itself.

Both the Bishop of Southwark, the Rt Rev Ronald Bowlby, and the Bishop of Derby, the Rt Rev Peter Dawes, have recently questioned the Synod's usefulness. Bishop Bowlby called for procedural reforms, remarking that bishops have to sit through repeated debates on the same issues and that these were beginning to strain his Christian charity. Bishop Dawes reported "a marked sense of gloom" at the prospect of another debate on an uncontroversial report -'childalready had the "talking shop" treatment. They were saying what many Synod members

Both said the Synod meetings are too long and time wasting, particularly the moving of amendments to be sure of catching the chairman's eye. But one synodsman's crab-fight is another man's life-or-death issue, and as long as the administration of the established church is to be conducted by the rules of parliamentary debate, there is no real way of speeding it up. All amendments are equal in the sight of the chair, and there is no fair test to identify mere time-

wasters and eye-catchers.
What the Church of England needs is less democracy. A new General Synod will be elected later this year, and it would take most of the rest of this page to explain all the stages and procedures. But for all the intricate constitutional safeguards, the result will hardly be repre-

sentative of anything. Some on both sides want to turn this election into a church referendum on female ordination, so as to be able to block or pass the Women Priests Measure when it comes up for a final vote, perhaps next year. But the reluctance of ordinary church members to become involved and in many cases sheer inability to be involved, because of the time it would take - will once again produce a pool of can-didates who are anything but typical, their views anything but representative. The Church of England may be almost a perfect democracy on paper, but it is a mockery of one in practice.

Nobody pretends that democracy is a Christian command-

ment. The reason the Synod is strangled by its own democratic procedures is lack of trust. The obvious and efficient way to run an institution is to have an executive which makes decisions, which others may question or challenge in a suitable debating forum. That is roughly the relationship between govern-ment and Parliament. But the Church of England has no executive - no government because it has too many factions. which fear they might be ex-cluded from it. It is the dog-inthe-manger effect. The House of Bishops, the obvious body to run the show, would not be trusted. As a result, there is no source of consistent policy for the system to digest, and the church goes round in circles.

hristianity being a revealed religion, it is inappropriate for important decisions of morals and faith to be decided by a show of hands. and few in the Church of England are comfortable with the idea. However, they play the game - including the manipulation of any rules that might benefit their cause — because they have to.

Important issues such as homosexuality and female priests are often fought over not as principles but as textual amendments, and a successful mover has to know his standing orders better than his Bible. The most celebrated recent example was the insertion, by a clever \* conservative back-bench member, of the word "repentance" into an otherwise fairly neutral resolution on homosexuals in the church. This was subsequently taken by him and his fellow conservatives to prove that all homosexual acts are sinful, and hence that homosexuals should not be ordained. The Synod said nothing of the sort, but the myth has overtaken the

reality.

Defenders of the system point to the messiness and sometimes downright crookedness behind the scenes at the great councils of the early church, and say that it is all to the credit of the Holy Spirit that He is able to make use of such broken vessels. It was not particularly to the credit of the broken vessels themselves, however, and it strains credibility to conclude that the Holy Spirit calls all the shots in synods. The real knock-down argu-

ment against stronger leadership in the Church of England, however, is that it would smack of papacy. There is a streak of nopopery and anti-prelacy presbyterianism in even the most Anglo-Catholic of churchmen; but why the Holy Spirit should assist an imperfect synod but not an imperfect bishop or pope is never explained. It is universally agreed that the

Church of England needs consistent and clear leadership. The General Synod is the reason it does not get it, for the system ensures that any attempt at leadership can be suppressed under the weight of checks and balances. It is time it died, to be born again.

The front page of my newspaper the other day had something about the poll tax, late reaction to the Budget, and another breath-less by election story from Lich-field. There was also a piece about a possible reconsideration of the Birmingham pub bombing case.

Then a one-paragraph insert caught my eye. Entitled "Lithuanian crackdown", it suggested that the Kremlin had put one of its own republics in a virtual state of siege. Apparently troops were being mobilized. Readers who wanted to learn more were di-

rected to page eight. Later, on television, there was a lot more about Lichfield. But Lithuania hardly featured. To be noticed, the Lithuanians will have to do more, and it would be helpful if they could send some

Is it just because Eastern Europe has lost its novelty that

## All the news that money can buy

such stories are now less likely to hit the news? I have a theory that it is not. There is also the question of cost. Did you realize that news programmes have budgets? And that they run out - just like yours and mine?

When budgets are low and a story has proved too expensive to cover well, there is a key difference between its treatment by the press and by television. A newspaper (with acres of space where pictures are secondary and words cheap) will include it, but relegate it to an inside page. Television (to which time is gold and pictures are paramount) will often drop it altogether.

When I worked on LWT's

Weekend World programme, we were given a certain allocation every year, within which we calculated how many foreign trips we could afford. One year, I remember, a faction within our team thought a "show" (as we called it) on problems in Sri Lanka would be timely; another was rooting for Poland, while everyone agreed that it would be eccentric to ignore the US Democratic party primaries.

South Africa looked interesting, and one of our researchers was deputed to Japan to see whether there was a show in that He returned to report that there wasn't. I put in a late bid for Spitzbergen, but got nowhere.



I think this was the period when we ended up doing lots of shows on Aids. These are very cheap to make, requiring only a animated coloured drawings of about the poll tax outside Hack-ney town hall, when I put it to you and the Berlin Wall came next

viruses, me interviewing Kenneth that the prominence an issue gets Clarke (clipboard memo on my may depend on how much a proknee: Whatever he answers, just say "Why aren't you doing more?" angrily). And a short video of me standing in front of an Aids poster on the Cromwell Road, saying "lt's posters like these . . . (etc)". We did a show on the greenhouse effect, too, with a world map and aerosol cans. It's scripts like these that can save a series from bankruptcy.

I certainly do not wish to question the gravity of Aids, and I probably do not wish to question the importance of five demonstrators shouting rude words

gramme has left in the kitty at that point in the calendar,

Take the present moment. Last

year gave us riots in Israel (manageable); the usual carry-on in Nicaragua (predictable) and the ups and downs of international tension (for which any financial controller can budget). Then came Tiananmen Square (costly: it's not cheap to send a camera crew to Peking). That probably came out of the

Then Gorbachov went crackers and Moscow was news (pricey:

(rush off application for emergency budget), closely followed by Romania, Czechoslovakia (finance director in despair), Hungary, Yugoslavia (scrub Yugoslavia: no funds) and then - oh crikey! - they're letting Nelson Mandela out. Whack a team off to Soweto ... Ethiopia, did you say? Millions about to starve? Sorry. can't afford Ethiopia. Any demos

in Camden this week? Dear viewers, in these final months before everything falls apart and the realization hits us that cuddly old Mr Brezhnev and charming Mr Botha were the last bastions of liberal values against the advancing tide of bloodcurding nationalism, tribalism, anti-Semitic pogroms and the lunacies of Islam, spare a thought for the accountants at LWT.

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on television, don't assume it isn't happening

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#### A LITTLE LOCAL DIFFICULTY

Never draw lessons from by-elections. They are wholly eccentric political incidents. Yesterday morning's "historic" Labour victory in Mid-Staffordshire certainly yielded a Labour MP where previously there had been a Tory. It confirmed that Mrs Thatcher's Government is experiencing a severe bout of mid-term unpopularity -- if anybody was still in any doubt. It made pollsters rich, Lichfield famous and gave some publicity to Screaming Lord Sutch

Mid-Staffordshire showed just how good Mr Neil Kinnock's re-emergent Labour Party now is at candidate selection and promotion, at byelections. It showed how important local opinion polls can be in squeezing out third parties, at by-elections. As by-elections often do, it confirmed that governments rarely perform well in the middle of their term of office. Unless there is a hung Parliament, electors know they are not voting parties into or out of power. They are passing judgement on ministers, usually unpopular when in office, by tossing their favour to whichever opponent seems most likely to land a bloody nose.

All by-election "sensations" are hailed as marking the turning of a tide. The wilder predictions made for the SDP after by-election results throughout the 1980s - from Warrington in 1981 to Greenwich in 1987 - have long passed into the mists of time.

Some by-elections are indeed so sensational that they transform the electoral colour of their constituencies for years ahead - Rochdale, Bermondsey, the Isle of Wight. So dazzling can they seem - the more eccentric, the more dazzling - that they seduce commentators into grandios, historical parallels, into extrapolating sup losed "swings" into hypotheses about implify majorities in the House of Commons.

Orpington, Lincoln, Croydon North West, Fulham have entered the lexicon of politics as seminal moments in their respective parliaments. But nobody can really say why.

By-election swings are nowadays largely a function of the state of third-party strength locally and its vulnerability to "squeezing" in the light of intensive opinion polling. It is easy to see in the Mid-Staffordshire result decisive confirmation that Britain is firmly back to twoparty politics. Not even this lesson is reliable. Despite the Liberal Democrats' poor status at present, there is still no reason why a good centre party candidate should not do well at a by-election. At Richmond as recently as February of last year, the rump Social Democrats came second and Labour was forced into fourth place.

Nor does government unpopularity in the third year of this Parliament mean anything more than . . . unpopularity in the third year. Even on the graph of opinion poll averages, byelections sit as scattered, meaningless blips, sometimes on, sometimes wildly off the trend line. As guides to party strength in subsequent general elections they are irrelevant and potentially misleading.

Of course by-elections affect party morale. Parties like to win all elections. And if enough party workers allow their morale to be affected, their morale will be affected. Backbenchers mutter. The media tut-tut. If, as the Great Economist said, enough businessmen expect a recession, then recession there will be. But those wishing to feel the nation's political pulse do better to heed opinion polls, which we now know to be more reliable measures of electoral trends. By-elections tell us only about byelections. Normal political service should resume as soon as possible.

#### TIME TO BE SERIOUS

"If we succeed in synchronizing the process of German unity with the creation of a mechanism of European security", said Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher on Thursday, "then everything will be alright." The West German Foreign Minister may have intended this Panglossian recipe to sound reassuring; but its vagueness has the opposite effect. The time has come to replace such wishful thinking with clarity.

Synchronization in Herr Genscher's view involves intensifying the search for a security "mechanism" without slowing down German reunification. That makes the quest for a new stabilizing order for a continent which has started two world wars this century sound as simple as designing a bicycle spare part.

The East German election has closed the first chapter of the reunification story. Germans have acquired unquestioned internal sovereignty, symbolized by the importance given the two Germanies in the now famous "two-plus-four" negotiations with the four postwar occupation powers. But the two Germanies were also central features of the post-war security system. Their sovereignty in defence and foreign policy matters were always to remain "pooled" and not for unilateral decision by either state.

The stream of ill-defined talk about a "new architecture" for Europe is no substitute for a serious effort by Nato to design principles better suited to the new realities. The allies need to take the intellectual initiative, and take it rapidly. With the pace of reunification now set, Germany and its partners can restart the debate on the strategic future.

An insistent thread running through speeches by Western politicians, since the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact became irreversible, is that Nato should become a more "political" organization. It always was an organization with a political aim - the defence of democracy. It could extend its political activities. But there is a difference between that and substituting politics for defence.

Nato is a defensive alliance. The core of the Brussels treaty of 1949 is that an attack upon any one member state in Europe will be an attack on all. Such an alliance means nothing without a readiness to use military force in the last resort to make that commitment effective.

Today there are understandable doubts as to whether the threat from the Eastern bloc is sufficient to demand the continuation of an alliance, doubts also over the form of such a threat. Would it be the disintegration of the Soviet Union, Russian nationalism, Third World adventurism or nationalist conflict in Europe? Such questions do not undermine the value, as insurance, of the present military alliance. But they must regularly call into question its sense of direction.

The Soviet Union remains a massively armed power even if, happily, it is taking nuclear and conventional arms reductions seriously. A future alliance of the democracies will have fewer weapons, differently deployed. But there is still no evidence that all Western Europe needs by way of force majeure is a glorified police force for sorting out ethnic and border disputes.

The fashion for minimalist, non-nuclear defence is gaining ground again in West Germany. The Social Democrats' "European Security System" effectively proposes the dissolution of Nato. Mixed with the table talk about politicizing Nato, this drift invites the false conclusion that a substantive military alliance in Western Europe is altogether out of

If the Soviet Union eventually accepts that a reunited Germany will be a member of Nato and there have been hints to that effect over the last few days - it will presumably alter its strategy to try to make that membership meaningless. The SPD's policy, widely supported throughout the West German electorate, would do Moscow's work for it. Nato governments should not wait until after the German elections to say that this is wrong.

#### **SYMPHONIC VARIATIONS**

The old chestnut is back. How many orchestras should London enjoy? The Philharmonia Orchestra recently decided to compete for the position of resident orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall, lost to the London Philharmonic, and is now reportedly threatening to complain to the Office of Fair Trading. This is unlikely to win it a favourable notice. Unless it can prove that strings were plucked or the contest was in other ways unfair, the result should be cacophony and discord.

The merits of its claim against those of the London Philharmonic (which has won an advisory panel's commendation) are a matter for the South Bank Arts Centre and its board. Its decision to appoint a resident orchestra follows that taken by the Barbican eight years ago when the London Symphony Orchestra was selected. The success of that particular adoption has prompted the managers of the Festival Hall to take up the theme.

There are held to be two other advantages. One is that the resulting close relationship should encourage more adventurous programming. The Philharmonia feels particularly aggrieved on this score since it feels its repertoire has been the more imaginative.

The other is that London might develop an orchestra of front-rank reputation. Although the capital has four large, independent orchestras, plus the licence-fee subsidized BBC Symphony, none has ever achieved the longterm international pre-eminence of those in. say, Berlin or Vienna.

The dissipation of talent and resources is assumed to have inhibited this development. By concentrating on two or three companies instead and equipping them with first-class facilities London might, it is claimed, achieve

that oft-desired objective. There are two weaknesses in this thesis. The competition between a number of orchestras in Britain is as likely to stimulate as to dilute quality musicianship. The opportunities for young players in London are greater than anywhere in the world. What gives an orchestra quality is the distinction of its musical director. As it happens, neither the LPO nor the PO at present has one, though residency on the South Bank will presumably encourage the LPO to find one soon.

Second, the objective itself is questionable. It would certainly not enhance the concert repertoire; most of the world's great orchestras are more noted for the quality of their playing than for their spirit of musical adventure. The joy of concert-going in Britain derives from the number and variety on offer. London has its own claim to be the music capital of the world - a stronger claim than Berlin or Vienna with their single "centres of orchestral excellence".

This is not to argue against the South Bank's policy. On balance it should benefit the arts, both in terms of quality and imaginative programming. One advantage for the LPO in future is that it should have first call on the Festival Hall for its rehearsals - on which the performance heavily depends.

Nor should it permanently harm the Philharmonia. The contract will last only for five years initially and will not start until 1992. The negotiations now under way will give the LPO the right to play about 60 concerts a year the Royal Festival Hall. But the Philharmonia may play as many as 30 and should also have more rehearsal time in future.

The other London orchestra, the Royal Philharmonic, has not even troubled to compete for the spot. This may be because it did not think that it would win it, having moved downmarket in recent years by broadening its appeal. This suggests, none the less, that orchestras can continue to survive.

For the Philharmonia, a historically splendid group of musicians, to suffer as a result would be a pity. No city might nowadays seek five symphony orchstras; but London happens to have this fine quintet and should stop apologizing for the fact. So far they have all managed to survive. Two of them now have a permanent roof over their heads. Long live the competition.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Too few honours Putting charities' house in order for industry?

From Mr Martin E. Simons Sir, On March 16 you published a list of 41 people who have been elected Fellows of the Royal Society. Apart from the Duke of Kent, elected under statute II, 23 are professors (of whom eight are at London University; six other UK universities, one each; US universities, five: Canberra, two; Bombay, one; others, one).

Of the 17 new non-professorial Fellows, 10 are working at or near Cambridge, three at Oxford (including the only two women honoured), one at Sheffield, and one at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Only two are shown working in industry - the chair-man of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (the only one without a doctorate) and the deputy chairman of British Nuclear Fuels.

What is disconcerting to a layman is that apart from the two new Fellows who are connected with the UK nuclear industry, no one else working in industry has been elected. That seems surprising in view of the pre-eminence of the UK pharmaceuticals industry and the enormous science research efforts being made by companies like BP, ICI, Shell and Unilever, quite apart from excellent work done at smaller companies.

It is difficult for those working in industry driven by the imperative to compete to write learned papers whose publication may alert competitors. But it should be feasible for the Royal Society to honour outstanding scientists working in industry. Yours faithfully, MARTIN E. SIMONS, 24 Granard Avenue, Putney, SW15.

#### History teaching

March 19.

From Mr Christopher McGovern Sir, The History Curriculum Association is concerned with safeguarding historical knowledge in our schools, and not with trying "to force school children to learn more dates" (report, March 19). Historical knowledge does not equal rote learning of dates.

The all-subject assessment model imposed by the new National Curriculum prevents knowledge from being an "attainment target" in history, because historical knowledge cannot be sensibly graded into 10 levels. This is absurd. Knowledge must be seen as an objective and not as a means of facilitating the development of cross-curricular skills and con-

There is a very real danger that a will come to regard historical knowledge as being of secondary importance in their study of the subject. The consequence will be that the nation will lose its

Yours sincerely. C. J. M. McGOVERN (Director, History Curriculum Association), Punnetts Town

Heathfield, East Sussex. March 19.

#### **Outstanding dish**

From Mr Ken Rodley Sir, I had begun to wonder if all satellite receiver dishes had to be white but today I have seen one in a modest dark grey.

It was fitted to a white building. Yours sincerely, KEN RODLEY, 52 Langaton Lane Pinhoe, Exeter, Devon.

#### Unesco programme

March 20.

From Mr Dragoljub Najman Sir, Mr Ivor Richard, whose outstanding experience is known, must have been totally misinformed when he wrote his letter (March 14) praising the achieve-ments of the Director-General of Unesco. How could he otherwise write that Mr Mayor "streamlined" Unesco's activities?

A reference to the relevant texts would reveal that instead of 14 major programmes and 147 subprogrammes, on which Unesco's meagre resources were spread under Mr Mayor's predece there are now, respectively, 17 and

The Hammarskjöld and Wil-lenski panels sharply criticized the management of Unesco (two years after Mr Mayor took office). Neither would have dreamt of recommending the actions he has taken since; far from reducing the staff, Mr Mayor has created 44 new posts (22 at executive level) while abolishing only three.

#### Soviet Jews in US

United States Embassy Sir, On a number of occasions recently (leading article, March 3; report, March 9; Barbara Amiel, March 9) The Times has repeated a widely-held misconception namely that the large flow of Soviet Jews into Israel is a direct consequence of a reversal or restriction of US policy on Soviet emieration.

In point of fact, the United States is receiving emigrants from the Soviet Union in record numbers. In fiscal year 1988 the US received 20,400 Soviet refugees. In 1989 the number climbed to 43,500. In the current fiscal year we plan to admit 50,000 refugees. plus another 30,000 Soviet citizens under a new "special in-

## From the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales Sir, With casual disregard for facts

your leading article (March 22) baldly states that the Charity Commissioners "will not put their own house in order. So culpable and damaging a statement is unworthy of you.

We are well down the road to establishing an effective system of supervising charities. This in-cludes the computerisation of information held in the Central Register of Charities and a rapid expansion of our capacity to investigate and check abuse in charities.

This programme implements the recommendations of Sir Philip Woodfield in his Efficiency Scrutiny of the Supervision of Charities and anticipates the Government's and and appears the Covernment's detailed proposals for legislation published in their White Paper of May, 1989. Together they will ensure full accountability of charities and enable us to become the effective supervisory body of charities which Parliament and the public and charities alike rightfully expect.

We are on target. Major reforms have been put in place. The Government's full backing is reflected in their specific proposals for legislative change and the commitment of resources to enable us to implement our plans for structural and management re-form. Sir Angus Fraser, head of the Government's Efficiency Unit has expressed himself well content with the substantial progress

Neither we, nor the charity world generally, need uninformed comment such as your own. Yours faithfully, ROBIN GUTHRIE (Chief Charity Commissioner), J. FARQUHARSON, ROBERT VENABLES, MICHAEL WEBBER, DIANE YEO (Commissioners), Charity Commission, St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, SW1. March 22.

From the Director of the Institute of Charity Fundraising Managers Sir, Your leader claims that it is likely that no more than 15.000 charities (from a total in excess of 200,000) are still functioning. It is clear from the vast increase in

#### Thoughts on Budget

From Mr J. R. Anderson Sir, In response to Opposition calls, the Government (report, March 23) has conceded an extension of the £16,000 capital limit for community charge relief to Scotland in the current tax year. Yet it seems probable that it is the English less well-off who have been the losers

Many will be the sole occupiers of houses who have had to pay the full rates bill. This is likely to have been considerably more than a single community charge. Their Scottish counterparts have benefited by the earlier introduction of the new system.

Yours sincerely, J. R. ANDERSON, 4 Vardon Drive, Wilmslow, Cheshire. March 23.

From Mr John Woodward Sir, Whilst welcoming the fact that workers will no longer have to pay tax on the benefit they receive from a workplace nursery, I feel I must point out that the Chancellor of the Exchequer appears to have created a potential anomaly.

My understanding, having spo-ken to the Inland Revenue, although they are by no means clear themselves, is that only nurseries run directly by an employer or a group of employers will qualify for

In making his appointments, furthermore, he has ignored Unesco's established recruiting procedures and failed — as he is egally obliged to do - to consult Unesco's executive board in the case of 40 senior appointments and promotions.

The progress made in decentralizing Unesco's activities "away from the Paris headquarters" is as follows: 20 staff have been transferred from headquarters to the field, and 11 from the field to

Above all, I am sure that Mr Richard would never condone biatant disregard for proper procedures. It is the method of Mr Mayor's "administrative reforms" which has provoked staff strikes and raised waves of ambassadorial protest

DRAGOLJUB NAJMAN (Assistant Director General, Unesco, 1975-86), 6 rue Borromée, 75015 Paris, France. March 18.

#### terest" refugee category. In other words, the number of From the Charge d'Affaires a.i., es has virtually doubled in

each of the last two years - and this number does not include thousands of Soviet emigrants who have come in non-refugee categories. Emigration of Soviet Jews has indeed increased dramatically, as the Soviet Union has been moving forward on the commitments it

made in the context of the Helsinki Accords. The US response, as described above, has likewise been dramatic in its generosity. The misconception about "restrictions" may result from a

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charity activity at a local, regional, and national level that your claim

The Government's White Paper on the future regulation of charity
— currently under consideration
with regard to legislation in the
next session — is being promoted and fashioned as much by the charity sector itself (including the Charity Commissioners) as by Government, Most of us within the sector support the main thrust of its recommendation but are concerned that provisions within it may not find sufficient parneutary time in the next session to enable the legislation to be

Of the 46 recommendations in Sir Philip Woodfield's review of the charity sector, 26 require legislation before effective changes can be introduced into the Charity Commission. In each of the other 20 areas the commission has led the way in promoting changes which will effect a more accountable system of the regulation of the charity sector.

Yours faithfully, S. LFE, Director, Institute of Charity Fundraising Managers, Market Towers,

1 Nine Elms Lane, SW8. From Sir Hugh Leggatt
Sir, No fiscal reform could be more welcome to our museu and galleries than the Chancellor's proposal to allow tax relief on oneoff gifts to charities up to an annual ceiling of £5 million.

The majority of these institu-tions have charitable status but tack financial resources for buying art treasures. Consequently appeals to potential private donors are now likely to intensify.

Whereas freedom of choice as to the individual wishes of benefactors must remain paramount it would perhaps be helpful if an impartial charitable body, such as the National Art-Collections Fund, were to co-ordinate appeals by institutions for the acquisition of works of art in order that unnecessary confusion, needless competition and expenses would be avoided. Yours faithfully

HUGH LEGGATT, Leggatt Brothers, 17 Duke Street, St James's, SW1.

#### the exemption. Nursery places contracted out by an employer at a privately run nursery will not

qualify. Many companies are considering setting up a nursery at, say, head office, where staff numbers justify the outlay, and contracting places at local nurseries for loca-tions where there are few staff requiring child care. If the new regulations as outlined in the

Budget become law, some staff will be taxed on their employer's child-care benefit while others working for the same company will not. Yours faithfully J. WOODWARD

(Managing Director), Busy Bees Childcare Consultancy, 6a Bird Street. Lichfield, Staffordshire. March 22,

From Mr Robin Lawson

Sir. The Chancellor is to be applanded for widening the differential between leaded and unleaded petrol, which he has done on social grounds. It is a great pity that he has not also seen fit to make a differential between normal strength and low-alcohol beer, to give a positive incentive for younger people in particular to drink the less intoxicating prodnct.

I find that a regrettable number of pubs and restaurants do not serve low-alcohol drinks. I believe that they should be given every encouragement to do so, and the public should be given an incentive to consume these.

Yours faithfully. ROBIN LAWSON, Brackenilea Blackhorse Road, Worplesdon Hill, Woking, Surrey. March 21.

From Mr Nick Curtis Raleigh and Mr Piers Barclay Sir, March 14, as you know, was

National Non-Smoking Day. Would not this annual boycott be more effective if it were postponed until after the Chancellor's Budget speech, in the hope that he might add an extra incentive to those attempting to abandon the habit?
Yours faithfully, NICK CURTIS-RALEIGH.

PIERS BARCLAY, Gibbs' House, Lancing College, West Sussex. March 20.

misreading of new US procedures, which are designed to encourage Soviet emigrants to remain in their homes and jobs in the USSR until they can leave directly for the United States. Our goal is to make the process humane and orderly. and to obviste the need for potential refugees to languish in refugee camps in Vienna and

I also wish to take this opportunity to point out that the views of the United States Government on owing Soviet Jews to settle on the West Bank and in Gaza are a matter of record. We strongly oppose such settlements.

Sincerely yours. RONALD E. WOODS, Embassy of the United States of America. Grosvenor Square, Wi.

#### Just treatment of the embryo

From the Director of the Linacre Centre for Health Care Ethics Centre for Health Care Ethics
Sir, "What feature of human life
makes us bearers of dignity and its
associated rights?" Professor Plant
asks (article, March 19). He goes
on to suggest that there is no
satisfactory answer, and certainly
not one that would serve to justify
the absolute protection for the
human embryo for which Cardinal Hume eloquently pleaded nal Hume eloquently pleaded (article, March 16).

One established secular answer to his own question which Profes-sor Plant identified is that the distinctive dignity of human be-ings rests on their capacity for rational deliberation and choice, This answer is certainly un-satisfactory if you interpret it to mean that only those with pres-ently exercisable capacities for deliberation and choice possess human dignity and its associated rights. For on this account not only would the irreversibly comatose be reckoned not to possess basic human rights, but also human embryos, unborn babies, infants, and the young up to some debatable point in development, and those, such as the senile demented, who lose the relevant

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abilities they once possessed. There is a type of philosopher who advocates this list of exclusions and no doubt such advocacy is welcome to some of those who plan the provision of health care. But the advocacy is deeply unreasonable on two grounds.

There will be unavoidable arbitrariness in determining what counts as possession of the abilities in question, so that one will be arbitrary in determining whom to treat justly. And secondly, human beings are able to acquire abilities for deliberation and choice because inherent in the nature of a human being is the radical capacity to develop such

abilities. If the abilities are greatly to be valued then a great dignity attaches to the nature in virtue of which we acquire those shilities. Because human embryos possess this nature and the radical capacity to develop to maturity, Cardinal Hume's plea for justice for the embryo rests on a genuinely universal basis.

Yours sincerely, LUKE GORMALLY, Director, The Linacre Centre for Health Care Ethics, 60 Grove End Road, NW8. March 20.

#### Unified science

From the President of The Royal Society

Sir, Your Education Editor writes (March 22): "Against specialist advice from leading scientists the National Curriculum Council has recommended a combined science course awarding two GCSEs...

Accepting that there are varied views among scientists on this matter, I would draw your attention to a statement of the Council of the Royal Society, A balanced view of science, published last week, which includes the following statements:

The Royal Society has long supported broad, balanced science for ported drond, outsineer science for all pupils to age 16. Bulanced science GCSE courses of the kind we support will merit two GCSE credits for successful candidates at age 16. This is known as double-award GCSE balanced science. It has the Society's full approval for all pupils including those who will eventually become the nation's leading scien

Yours faithfully. GEORGE PORTER, President, The Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, SW1.

#### Sleeping easy

From Mrs Rosemary Farquharson Sir, The duvet is indeed devilinspired (Mr Chance's letter, March 17). If I happen to encounter one when staying with friends I have found the only course of action open to me is to shake the feathered monster from its casing and lay it back on the bed, where it now takes the guise of a wonderfully soft mattress.

The cover (which is now of double thickness) will do admirably to sleep under during warm nights. In cold weather you need to add your dressing gown or even YOUR OVERCOME.

You do, of course, have to stuff the blessed thing back in its cover in the morning and lay it prenily on the bed to await its next victim. Yours sincerely ROSEMARY FARQUHARSON, 65 Earl's Court Road

Kensington, W8. From Dr M. Y. A. Oliver Sir, To combat the duvet Mr Chance should travel with a thermostatically controlled elec-tric overblanket. Mine goes every-

where — even wrapped around Yours faithfully, MARGARET OLIVER East Morningside House, Clinton Road,

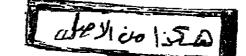
March 19.

From the Reserved Peter M. S. Gedge Sir, Mr Chance should remember that, if sharing a bed under a divet, one good turn gets most of the dayet. Yours sincerely P. M. S. GEDGE.

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Pasture Howe, Main Street, Hutton Buscel Scarberough, North Yorkshire. March 17.





#### **COURT** CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 23: The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, visited the Corps of Royal Military Police to mark the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Special In-vestigation Branch and Military vestigation Branch and Military Police Territorial Army.

Her Majesty was received at Roussillon Barracks, Chichester, by Her Majesty's Lord-Licutenant for West Sussex (The Duke of Richmond and Gordon) and General Sir Peter Inge (Colonel Commandant, Royal Military Police).

The Queen inspected a Guard of Honour and subsequently viewed displays of the activities of the Corps and met members of the Corps and their families.

Her Majesty afterwards ho-noured the Provost Marshal, Army (Brigadier Norman Allen) and the Corps with her presence at lunch in the Officers' Mess.
In the afternoon The Queen visited Ladysmith House, Long-moor Camp, Hampshire, and was received by Colonel Olaf Lambert (Deputy Lord-Lieuten-ant of Hampshire, Honorary Colonel) and Lieutenant-Colo-nel Part Hender Swith Con-

nel Peter Hewlett-Smith (Dep-uty Provost Marshal, Army). Her Majesty viewed various training displays and

Lady Susan Hussey, Sir Kenneth Scott and Wing Com-mander David Walker, RAF,

By Command of The Queen, the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Air-port this morning upon the Departure of The President of Czechoslovakia and bade fare-well to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE March 23: The Princess of Wales arrived at RAF Lyncham this afternoon from the Repub-

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith Commander Alistair Watson, RN, Mr Philip Mackie and Mr Richard Arbiter were in

March 23: The Duke of Gloocester today visited Stokeon-Trent and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Staffordshire (Sir Arthur

In the morning His Royal Highness opened the new build-

ing at the John Tams Group, Longton.

Subsequently The Duke of Gloucester attended a luncheon at the North Stafford Hotel, ke-on-Trent, on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the British Pottery Managers'

Finally His Royal Highness opened the Mitchell High School, Bucknall. Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales will visit Brazil at the invitation of the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil in October.

Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal has been elected to Honorary Fellowship of the College of Anaesthetists.

Tomorrow's royal engagements

Princess Margaret, as President of the NSPCC, will attend a Variety Show at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, at 6.55 in aid of the society's Wolverhampton Centenary Appeal

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the London College of Southwark Cathedral at 7.55.

Hanbury, racehorse trainer, 44; Mr David Hicks, interior de-

director, 82; Sir Bernard Miller, former chairman, John Lewis Partnership, 86; Mr Leif Mills, trades unionist, 54; Mr Peter

Orchard, chairman, De La Rue

Company, 63; Lord Quinton, 65; Mr A.J.P. Taylor, historian.

84; Lord Tennyson, 71; Mr Peter Walker, MP, 58.

Christopher Dawson Memorial

Sir Nicholas Henderson,

KCMG, presided at the Chris-topher Dawson Memorial Lec-

tunity, delivered on Thursday, March 22, by the Rt Hon Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, PC, QC, in the Partiament Chamber of the

Inner Temple. Among those

Lecture

present were:

#### **Birthdays**

TODAY: Mr Roy Berridge, Group, 61; Mrs Penelope former chairman, South of Scot-land Electricity Board, 68; Miss James Glover, 61; Mr Benjamin Barbara Daly, make-up artist, 45; Miss Jane Drew, architect, 79; Professor Stephen Elek, signer and author, 61; Professor microbiologist and bacteriolo-Sir Norman Jeffcoate, obstegist, 76; Judge James Fox-Andrews, 68; Mr Richard Lord Jessel, 86; Mr Elton John, Giordano, chairman, BOC singer, 43; Sir David Lean, film Andrews, 68; Mr Richard Giordano, chairman, BOC Group, 56; Professor John Hedgecoe, professor of photog-raphy, 53; Mr David Jewell, master, Haileybury and Imper-ial Service College, 56; Sir John Kendrew, former president, 51 John's College, Oxford, 73; Miss Sonia Lannaman, arhlete, 34: Sonia Lannaman, athlete, 34; Mr Benjamin Luxon, baritone. 53; Sir Peter Meinertzhagen, former general manager, Com-monwealth Development Cor-poration, 70; Mr Malcolm Muggeridge, author and broadcaster, 87; Judge Suzanne Nor-wood, 64; the Earl of Selborne, 50; Professor Dorothy Severin, Professor of Spanish, 48; Mr Alan Sugar, chairman, Amstrad, 43; Professor H.B. Whittington, geologist, 74; Mr P.S. Winfield, former senior partner, Healey

TOMORROW: Sir Brian Bailey, former chairman, Health Education Authority, 67; Major Sir Shane Blewitt, royal equerty.

55: Mr Humphrey Burton, television producer, 59: Lord
Crawshaw, 57: Professor Mary
Douglas, anthropologist, 69: Mr Nico Brenninkmeyer, Mr Nico Brenn Patrick Forrest, surgeon, 67; Mr and Lady Grey, Sir Peter and Lady Marshall, Very Rev Mich-Robert Fox, theatrical producer, 38; Miss Aretha Franklin, singer, 48; Sir Peter Gibbings, chairman, Anglia Television

Winchester College Sixth Form Exhibitions 1990: N.S. Collings, Victoria College, Jersey: P.D. Jones, Kings' School, Winchester (James MacDonald Exhibition and Music Award); D. Kim, King's College school, Wimbledon; Y.T. Ng, Raffles Junior College. Singapore (Forbes Exhibition): R.J. Bartlett, Thornden School, Chandler's Ford (and Music

Music Awards 1990 Major Awards: T.N. Morris. Christ Church Cathedral School, Oxford; R.F. Schmidt, ninster Cathedral School. Minor Awards: P.R. Granell, Minor Awards: P.R. Granell, Edgeborough School; R.J. Griffin, St John's College School, Cambridge; D.J. Moggs, Milbourne Lodge; T.F.I. Murray, Pilgrims' (Quirister Award); S.O. Rissi, Downsend School.

#### Harrow School The Spring Term at Harrow ends today. The Cock House

ael Napier, Sir Peter and Lady

Reynolds, Sir Peter and Lady Webster, Hon Lady du Zulueta.

Match was won by The Head Master's (Mr J.D.C. Vargas) who beat West Acre (Mr A.S. Lee). The Torpid Final was won by Moretons (Mr G.M. Attenbo-rough) who beat Elmfield (Mr J.R. Beckett). The School Cho-ral Society performed Beetho-ven's Missa Solemnis in Speech Room on Tuesday, March 20.

Old Harrovians who entered the School between 1961 and 1964 were entertained at tea yesterday by the Chairman and Committee of the Harrow Association, attended a concert of songs in Speech Room and a reception given by the Head Master and Mrs Beer.

Next term begins on Thurs-

Shipbrokers

Past and present officers of the Army Catering Corps dined last night at their Headquarters Mess, Aldershot. Major-General John Wilsey, Representative Colonel Commandant, presided and Sir John Chapple, Chief of

life of Mr Douglas Blair, QC, was held yesterday at the Temple Church. The Master of the Temple officiated. Mr David Etherington read the lesson and Mr Edward Blair, son, gave a reading. Mr David Penry-Davey, QC, gave an address.

#### **OBITUARIES**

### MAURICE CLOCHE

## One religious masterpiece in a long film career

Maurice Cloche, the French film director who made his mark in 1947 with Monsieur Vincent, an absorbing life of the 17th century priest St Vincent de Paul, died in Bordeaux on March 20, aged 82. He had been suffering from Parkinson's Disease.

Cloche first studied painting and the decorative arts, though he never became a strongly visual director. He was an actor before a apprenticeship in documentary shorts led him towards a sober, painstaking style that could easily turn stodgy if the material stimulated no vital spark. In Monsieur Vincent, at least, style and subject matter were ideally matched.

Cloche and his colleagues (among them Jean Anouilh, who co-wrote the script) successfully avoided the dramatic pitfalls of extreme pity and built a convincing portrait of a humble priest who abandoned aristocratic comforts to care for France's poor.

Pierre Fresnay's commanding performance won the Best Actor prize at the 1947 Venice Film Festival. The film proved unforthcoming — won, Award in America.

niche in the mid Thirties as a many other prizes. The Maurice Cloche was born specialist in documentary French cinema industry on June 17, 1907, in shorts. His second film, Le



partly financed by Catholic Prix for the country's best film three year stint as artistic congregations after con- of 1947; in 1949 he also director of a commercial art ventional sources of revenue received a special Academy studio, he began to carve a

### Mont St-Michel - Merveille de John Morton-Sale, who died l'Occident (1934), won the on March 14 at the age of 88, gold medal at the 1935 Venice was an artist and illustrator Dames aux chapeaux verts rie (Peter Pan and Mary Rose) But it needed Monsieur Vin- also the founder of the cent to lift him out of the rut. publishing house, the Parnas-

international success. Cloche's subsequent output declined in importance. He continued to be attracted to uplifting subjects, though in several dramas of sin and redemption, such as depiction of sin regrettably. gained the upper hand. On more reliable. Un Missionaire its story about a zealous young of that name. missionary in Africa; while Never Take No for an Answer (1951), a British venture cotrod delicately through the

of St Frances of Assisi.

## JOHN MORTON-SALE Wild and wintry Dartmoor

Biennale Features followed in whose work was well known 1937, mostly commercial fod- to readers of Eleanor Farjeon, der, but they included, Cer Beverley Nichols, James Barbased on the Acremant novel. and the de Selincourts. He was Docteur Laennec (1949), a sus Gallery. Much of his work. biography of the French phy- which was notable for its sician who invented the imaginative and dramatic stethoscope, displayed a simi-lar moral seriousness, though laboration with his wife it never reaped the same Isobel.

Morton-Sale was born in Kensington on April 29, 1901, and married Isobel Lucas in 1924. They had met when studying in London under A. S. Hartrick at the Central School of Art, and they soon Marchands de filles (1957), the began together a career of depiction of sin regrettably painting and illustrating. One of his early books was Good other occasions, his touch was Afternoon Children - a collection of stories from the BBC (1955), made a decent fist of Children's Hour programmes In both 1931 and 1932 Morton-Sale was commis-

(1951), a British venture co-directed with Ralph Smart, tred delicately through the mas Bookman, the first commemorating Arnold Benwhimsical past of Paul Gailico's novel about a boy nett and the second Edgar determined to give his sick Allan Poe and Kipling. donkey sanctuary in the crypt In 1937 the Morton-Sales

moved to live in a remote and Cloche continued working in films until the early 1970s. house on the edge of Dart-

REAR-ADM MORRICE McMULLEN

moor and there they spent the rest of their life together Dartmoor, with its wild winter landscapes, Was a great source of inspiration to dis cuss and plan their next books together over long walks through high-banked lanes

In 1939 Hodder In 1939 Hodder and Stoughton published The Oucen's Book of the Rul Cross, with contributions from leading authors and artists, including Russell Flint Rex Whistler, Edmand Dulac, Dame Laura Knight and John Morton-Sale. His painting for this was entitled The Red Cross of Comfort

In the following years he was exhibiting at London's Leicester Gallery. His most recent exhibition was in 1984 at the Maas Gallery, off Bood Street.

In 1952 the Morton-Sales decided their lives needed a new turn and they founded the Parnassus Gallery. They brought to the public reproductions of their own work, as well as many of the great masterpieces

In 1955 a further collaboration with his wife Something Particular, took them to St James's Palace to paint both scenes of its exterior and of children gathered

#### LORD BRAYBROOKE

#### Appointing Masters of Magdalene College

University honoured him

with the honorary degree of

Lord Braybrooke, the 9th where he was a Scholar, and at Baron, has died at the age of Magdalene College, Cam93. On his succession to the bridge. The First World War title in 1943 he found to his dismay that, as hereditary Visitor to Magdalene College, Cambridge, it was his task to appoint the College's Master and that he would have no guidance in his choice from the College.

In his time he appointed four Masters, more than any Visitor had done since the 17th century. It is indicative of how closely he kept his ear to the ground that each appointment was not only successful, but also met a current College need: an administrator, who had been an ex-Minister of State; a classicist of distinction; a distinguished academic engineer and former Vice-Chancellor, and lastly an eminent lawyer.

In addition to appointing Masters, Lord Braybrooke took his responsibilities as Visitor seriously and he associated himself as often as he could with College activities.

Henry Seymour Neville was

interrupted his University career to which he did not the great house. return; but in 1948 the

Master of Arts. He served in the Royal Naval Air Service on aerial reconnaissance and photographic duties over France and crashed so many times that these experiences, so he said, cured him of any desire ever to fly again.

At the end of the War he became ADC and assistant private secretary to the Minister for Munitions and then private secretary to Winston Churchill at the Air Ministry. He joined the Anglo-Iranian

Oil Company in 1919 and Shell in 1935, becoming manager of its aviation business His succession to the Bar-

ony was unexpected; the 8th younger brother had been born on February 5, 1897. He was educated at Shrewsbury, lived in some state at Audley dalene graduate.

Baron, who is himself a Mag-destroyer Somali during the Norwegian campaign — and Flag Officer Ceylon and then in 1972.

End until the 7th Baron's death in 1941, but the 9th Lord Braybrooke lived at Wendens Ambo, not far from

Having assumed charge of the family estates, he arranged for Audley End to be sold to the Ministry of Works in the 1940s, which might have created a complication since the right to appoint the Master of Magdalene College was vested by the Founder's Charter in "the owner of Audley End". Fortunately, the College had altered its statutes in 1927, so that the right of appointment came to the family rather than the owner of Audley End.

In 1950 he became Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Fssex. He also served as a Justice of the Peace for Saffron Walden and later as Chairman of the Bench.

Manning in 1930 who died in to Admiral of the Fleet Lord 1962, and Angela Mary Hollis Chatfield, the First Sea Lord, in 1963; she died in 1985. He from 1936 to 1938. Lord Braybrooke, whose is succeeded by his only child, In the first of two sea jobs

#### Finding new horizons in the Royal Navy then in the battleship Prince of became Flag Officer Sab-Morrice

McMullen, CB, OBE, who died on March 18, aged 81, was the first non-seaman officer to become Captain of the Fleet in any command and to be President of the Admiralty Interview Board.

Rear-Admiral

This reflected his standing in the Royal Navy which he served in the Supply Branch, key to administration in ships at sea or in a shore establish-

Born on February 16, 1909, Morrice Alexander McMullen was educated at Cheltenham College and entered the Navy in the Supply branch, in 1927. Before the Second World War he served in various stations abroad including the China Station where he was Assistant Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Frederick Dreyer. Then he did a spell in the Admiralty. He married Muriel Evelyn serving as Assistant Secretary

Wales for the Bismarck action. He was also in the ship at the time when Winston Churchill was embarked to meet President Roosevelt in Newfoundland.

McMullen was then appointed as Secretary to Rear-Admiral Jack Mansfield. The Battle of the Atlantic was at its beight and Mansfield became Chief of Staff to Admiral Sir Percy Noble, C-in-C Western

Shipping casualties from Uboats were particularly high on the American Eastern seaboard and Rear-Admiral Mansfield, with McMullen, embarked on a sometimes perilous crash tour of allied operational headquarters to impart know-how gained against U-boats since the start of the war.

the Mediterranean which was seven. killed in action, was himself Robin Neville, the 10th war, he was in the Tribal Class tions until the end of the war.

marines but tragically died. McMulien reverted to general service becoming eventually Deputy Director of Manning in the Admiralty and

Captain of the Fleet" Far

East Fleet. A measure of his success is that on completion he was promoted to Rear-Admiral. He was then appointed as President of the Admiralty Interview Board, which completed his duties in the Royal Navy in 1964.

He was mentioned in dispatches in 1941 and was appointed OBE in 1944 and CB on retirement, when he became Director of Civil Defence for London from 1965 to

McMullen was a great sportsman, being at one time Chairman of the RN Ski Club. After two years Mansfield, still accompanied by his Secretary, assumed command of the 15th Cruiser Squadron in the 15th Cruiser Squadron in West Squadron in West Squadron in West Squadron in Ireland on the fly, a "Kerry Blue", at the age of

He is survived by his second

#### **Dinners**

**Institute of Chartered** 

Mr W.A. Cameron, President of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, presided at the annual dinner held last night and the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr Juan Kelly, President of the General Council of British Shipping, and Mr Eric Shawyer also spoke.

Old Grovian Association Old Grovian Association (Woodhouse Grove School, Bradford, BD10 0NR) will hold their Centenary Dinner at Rudding Park, Harrogate, on Saturday, April 7, 1990, commencing 7,30pm. Information from G. Hugh Knowles, (0532)

Memorial Service

Mr. Donnies Blair, OC

Service dinners Army Catering Corps

the General Staff, also spoke. Brigadier Keith Hudson, Colo-nel Commandant, Brigadier Barry Bloxham, Director, ACC, and Brigadier N.S. Tank Nash, Commandant, HQ ACC Train ing Centre, attended. Liverpool University Air

Squadron
Air Marshal Sir Michael Sim-Air Marshai Sir Michael Sim-mons, Deputy Controller Air-craft, Ministry of Defence, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Liverpool University Air Squadron beld last night in Alcar. Squadron Leader G.F. Clifford presided.

Mr Douglas Blair, QC A service of thanksgiving for the

## Tomorrow's church services

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Lieutenant J.M. Askew and Miss R.G.F. Wimbury The engagement is announced between James, second son of Dr and Mrs M.G. Askew, of Gosport, Hampshire, and Rich-enda, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs C.J. Wimbury, of Walsall, W Midlands. Mr P.S. Bligh and Miss J.E. Lawrence The engagement is announced

Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late David Lawrence and Mrs Jane Hogg, of Fawler, and Miss K.L. Pearce The engagement is announced between Harry John, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.E. Hodekin, of Lincoln, and Karen Lesley,

between Peter Stuart, only son

of Mrs Dorothy Bligh, of Minchead, Somerset, and Juliet

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## When it's good to be in the red

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Darwin's day.

One approach to the problem because they are handsome, but because to a stickleback, identify female choice as the solve it—is that bright colours because they are handsome, but because to a stickleback, health. This is the implication supposed that females chose plays have no direct benefit, of a report in the March 22 mates simply on the basis of but have simply evolved along issue of Nature from Manfred good looks: a peahen would with female preferences by Milinsky and Theo Bakker of find a peacock's tail beautiful what the great English genetithe University of Bern in in much the same way as we cist R. A. Fisher described as a Switzerland.

basis of bright coloration or aesthetics and many research- their mothers: a genetic elaborate courtship displays is ers continued to believe that association builds up between the most vigorous - and bright colours evolved by sim- the two. interesting - of all the debates ple natural selection, irrespecthat still rage in evolutionary tive of the preferences of the It was Charles Darwin who this idea, too, could be taken to first suggested that many male extremes: one influential texttraits evolved as a consequence book even suggested that of female choosiness. If pea- flamingos are pink to camou-

long-tailed peacocks will tend have longer tails as adults.

animals themselves. However,

with long tails, for example, hunting at sunset. More recent research has to father more chicks, which shown, however, that females will (if they are male) tend to really are choosy and that the consequent reproductive suc-The average length of a cess of attractive males outpeacock's tail will increase weighs the disadvantages. The cklebacks prefer males with with each succeeding generation until the pay-off (greater choosy in the first place is,

The brightest, reddest bellies.

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"ranaway process". In this The extent to which the females of many species actively select their mates on the animals should have a sense of daughters are selective, like

Some believe that female mating preferences and male courtship signals may not have evolved together, but that they came about for reasons unconnected with sexual selection (Science Report, January hens always prefer peacocks flage them against crocodiles 10). Another idea is that traits preferred by choosy females may advertise some quality in the male such as his rude good health.

Milinsky and Bakker show

that female three-spined sti-

seems, because brightness is related to the physical con-dition of the male: pale bellies may be a sign of a parasitic infection called "white spot". redness is a sign of good root cause of the process. He or elaborate courtship dis- So irrespective of their health, males with relatively pale bellies are less attractive to females than those with brighter bellies. This preference breaks down when the redness is obscured by ambient green lighting, suggesting that it is the red coloration that the

> the presence or absence of parasites *per se.* The researchers admit that their study is not the last word on the role of female choice in the stickleback. For example, it could be that parasitized because a sick father makes for a poor parent: as important point in a species in which the male cares for the eggs and fry until several days after

females take as their cue - not

some correlate of it, such as

**Rory Howlett** 

Forthcoming marriages second daughter of Mr and Mrs Mr P.R. Webber S.G. Pearce, of Knightsbridge, and Miss F.M. Weatherby London.

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Cuccardi, of Wapping. Mr P.T.L. Dann and Miss S.J. Roberts-West The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs David Dann, of Hoo, St Werburgh, Kent, and Sarah, elder daughter of Commander and Mrs Philip Roberts-West, of Warblington, Hampshire.

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs John Webber, of Cropredy Lawn. Oxfordshire, and Flona, daughter of Mr an Mrs Charles Weatherby, of Mixbury, Northamptonshire:

Mr R.G.L. Wee and Miss J.L.L. Youg The engagement is announced between Guan Lee, of Woodside Park, London, eldest son of the Park, London, eroest son of the late Mr L.H. Wee and Mrs L.H. Wee, of Singapore, and Josephine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.M. Yong, of Clifford Longley's column at

and Miss S. Hetherington The marriage will take place of November 24, in Sydney, Australia, between Mr Mark Lloyd Williams, of Sydney, and Sarah, only daughter of Mrs G. Hetherman Hetherington and the late Professor Roy Hetherington, of Sherington, Buckinghamshire.

Marriage

Mr E. Katz and Mrs A-M. Aug The marriage took place at Epson, on Thursday, March 22, 1990, between Mr Eric Katz, OBE, of Ashtead, Surrey, and Mrs Anne-Marie Aumonier, of Billingshurst, West Sussex.

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FOSTER - On March 21st. to
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Carry, at Malaga. a son.

GORDON - On February 13th.

to Denise and Alan. a son.
Ross Alan. a brother for
Adam David.

AMERIT LINES.

GREEN - On March 20th, to Alicia Collinson and Damian Green, a daughter. Felicity Charlotte Hester, with grately thanks to the West London Hospital. 1990, to Candace (née Alexander) and Chris, a son,

HAIN-COLE - On March 19th. in Cambridge, Mass., to Alison (Finley) and Crispin, a daughter. Clementine Rose, sister to Alexandra, James and Alexandra.

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MEL - On March 22nd 1990, at The R.D. & E. Hospital, Wonford, Anne Ruth the Rayner), of Rosemary Lanc. Cotytos, Devon, Funeral Service at St Michael's Church. Aumonath, on Wednesday March 28th at 2.30. followed by cremation at Exerc. No flowers please. Donations if desired to F.O.R.C.E. Cancer Research. R.D. & E. Hospital, Wonford, Excier. Engineering Richards. Colyton. 18th expiries Richards. Colyton. 18th expiries Richards. Colyton. 1990, peecefully at 1990.

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E.N.G., of Cambridge Funcea) Service and Committal
3-30 pm at Cambridge City
Crematorium on Tuesday
March 27th. Floral tributes
may be sent to the Co-operative Funeral Service, Chapel
of Rest. James Street, Cambridge, tel: 00223) 357046.

JOHNSON - On March 21st
1990. In Lytham St Annes,
tragically, as the result of a
road traffic accident. Alice
Doreen, beloved wife of the
late Thomas Alfred and
loved sister of Charles. Will
be sadly missed by family
and many friends. For
further enquiries telephone
Lytham (0253) 735423.

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MacKECHNIE - On March \*\*Zand 1990. peacefully at the Vale of Leven Hospital, Alexandria Hector, Laggary House, Rhu, by Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire, Beloved husband of the late isabella Ferguson and loving fathe of Isabel and Maurren an much loved grandfather of Linds. Judy. Madeleine and Alexander. Funeral Service at Cardross Crematorium on Tuesday March 27th 1990 at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only please.

PICKLES - On March 19th 1990, suddenly at his home at Touchen End, Maldenhead, Berkshire, Richard Herbert, aged 46 years, Beloved husband of Claire and much loved father of Ben, Timothy and Claire and intensived failer of Ben. Timothy and william The Ruseral service will be held at 51 Michael's Bray Parish Church at 11.30 am Tuesday March 27th 1990 Family Rowers only. Donabons M desired to British Heart Foundation, c/o FG Pymm and Son Funeral Directors, 65/67 Moorpridge.

Moorendge Ro Maidenhead, Berkshire. RYAM - On March 1st. peacefully in Germany, Sir Derek Gerald Br. Beloved husband of Katja and toving father of Annie, Derek, Jenny and Oktoline.

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late Joan, moner of mainting and jennifer and grandmother Georgias. Victoria. Thomas, Charlotte and Sophie. Funeral at Bowden Church on Tuesday March 27th at 1.50 pm. SMYTH - On March 23rd

bearcluily in hospital after a short illness. Michael George, aged 56 Beloved husband of Rosetta, beloved father of hathy. Elizabeth and Edward Funeral Service and cremation at the Midand cremation at the Mid-walwickshire Crematorium. Cakiey Wood, on Wednet-day March 28th at 3 50 pm. Family flowers only, done-nors if wished to Walsprave Cancer Appeal, Walsprave Hospital, Covenity.

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WELLS - On March 23rd, Gwladys Tommy' (née Thomes), widow of Dr. L.R.A. Wells, of St Claves Hospital, Rotherhithe and much loved mother of Pameis and grandmother of Alexander and Oavina. Plesse confact Pameis for funeral arrangements. funeral arrangements.
WMATELY - On March 22nd,
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> AN UNUSUAL VICAR

To the Editor of The Times Sir,-Your astronomical note saying that the Ray, T.H.E. Espin, Vicar of Tow Lane, Co Durham, has, for meny years past been discovering actions unknown double exert at the rate of about 100 a year sunboldent toe to make some further observations.

Mr. Busin was one of the very first in England to put down a hard tennis court; one of the first to take a Rhangen say photograph. A doctor in Bishap Auckland had a patient with a hashes hard to be the say that the say that the say in the say that the say in the say that the say in the a broken bone. No hospital having an appendix, he took the man to the Vices of Tow Law, There a whole share the sepicity of chost price there a graph was taken. Mr. Espen was also one of the first to try open-au treatment for consumptives, he had shekers made in his gurden His howfidge of momen, fossie, and stone is profound be can the stone and poliches them himself. I have a dim and hary notice that come part of his inhecope is home-made — could it pressibly be the lens?

His pressure according to former.

His vicerage contains I forget exactly how many books; and also one of the best cooks in the county from the bot Lord Rosebery's?) Thereby hangs a tale, for Mr. Espin

eschews cierical meetings and apparently has small need of the fatherly offices of the Church Assembly. Finding he was within his legal rights in declining at the outset a perochial church council, his parish still flourishes, mirabile dictu, without one. But to resume, though he attends

no elevical moetings, he one day invited the clergy of the rural densery to see his telescope and his fossila; and afterwards to "have a cup of coffee and a sandwich". I heard pothing of the fossils; but the producatity of the meal he set before his brethren was spoken of with

based breath. Among other things Mr. Espin is a well-known J.P. His last magisterial address to a body of public house keepers assembled for their licences was not upon the presence of whisky in their water but of radium in their streams A large pit parish (now sadly depressed) is his chief care; and the hobby. One at least is now ordained, and another of sufficient eminence in the scientific world to have been

mentioned in your columns. A clerical astronomer may not be the type of man the Church of England delights to honour with the title "Rabbi" or its honorary modern equivalent (the very word "incumbent", how blatantly terrestrial); but in the minutry of what other church, mere in a Scottish mante, would such s man be found at all? If ever the clergy become centralized and standardized losing freehold and freedom: if ever the person becomes the pupper of the ecclementical machine; the Bishop's man exclustroly, who was of old the thane's man; small chance there is that stupor musdi of this order will be

found within its ranks again. I am, Sir, yours faithfully. ARTHYUR R. DOLPHIN Edmundbyres Rectory, Shotley Bridge, Co. Durbum.

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1968 and chairman of the council

of the Roayl Agricultural Society of England since 1976, left estate

valued at £5,091,511 net. He left

his estate mostly to his relatives.

Mr Samuel William Johnson, of Fen Drayton, Cambridgeshire, left estate valued at £2,160,828 net. He left his estate to his

relatives. Mrs Marjorie Elizabeth White, of

Angmering-on-Sea, West Sussex, left estate valued at £607,561 net.

She left £9,300 and some effects to

personal legatees and the residue equally between the RNLL the

Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, and the Burma Star Associ-

ation, in memory of her late brother Lt-Col Frank Owen, who

served in Burma. Mrs Lottie Mary Elliott, of Sunon

Coldfield, West Midlands, widow of Reginald J. Elliott, director of

W. Lake (Birmingham) Ltd. left estate valued at £1,169,530 net.

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between certain people who were in the employ of W. Lake (Birmingham) Ltd at the date of her husband's death; £5,000 to

George Harris, a former employee

who "I wish to reward sepa-rately"; £50,000 to her brother Sydney P. Evans; her Russell Flint

painting equally between him and his wife Hilda to whom she also

left a fur coat; and 10 per cent of

the residue to her companion/housekeeper Lilian

Bainbridge. Forty per cent of the residue each to the Cheshire Foundation, with the wish that it be applied wholly or in part for

their Greenacres Home, Sutton Coldfield; and the Sue Ryder

Mr William Kenneth Melville

condation.

area of Cornwall.

Mr Rodney Watson Gieve, of Wonersh, Surrey, formerly of the Gieve Group, left estate valued at £1.528.422 net. He left his estate mostly to his wife and children. Mr Edward Matthew Ferguson, of Mindrum, Nothumberland, company director, left estate valued at £1,931,361 ner.

Hilda May Salvesen, of Winchester. Hampshire, left estate valued at £1,429,976 net. She left her estate to relatives. Mr Edward Roberts, of North Tawton, Devon, left estate valued

at £1,307,796 net. Martha Evans, of Pinner. Middle-sex, left estate valued at £502,878 net. She left £32,000 and effects to personal legatees, and the residue equally between the Cancer Research Campaign, RNIB, Forces Help Society and RNLI.

Sir Norman Richard Rowley Brooke, of Llandaff, Cardiff, a founder director of the Development Corporation for Wales, left estate valued at £188,022 net. Mrs Joyce May Esther Kirkby, of Leeds, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £287,333 ner. She left the entire amount to Barnardo's. Mr Christopher James Sellick, of Eversley Cross. Hampshire, left estate valued at £6,301,409.

Mr Gerald Knowles, of Wimblington, Cambridgeshire, left estate valued at £1,005,043 net. He left the entire amount to relatives. Mrs Christina Ingles, of

Evesham, Hereford and Worces-ter, left estate valued at £363,059 net. She left personal legacies totalling £16.600, and the remainder to chant). Mrs Anila Arnold, of Upton,

Merseyside, left estate valued at £199,177 net. to be divided equally between the RNLI and RNIB. Mr Edwin Troiman Foster, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £1,187,403

Edna Orford, of Cooden, East Suract, left estate valued at £1,157,748 net. She left her estate mostly to the Bernard Sunley

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diplomatic relations between the

timted Kingdom and Argentina, the Hon Humphre, Maud CMG has bee appointed HM Ambas-

sador to the Argentina Republic

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The Queen has been pleased to

appoint Commodore Robert Woodard to Flag Officer, Royal Yachts, in September in succes-

sion to Rest Admiral John

Mr James Wellbeloved, Director

General of the National Kidney Research Fund, has been ap-

pointed to the new Unrelated

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The Rev Maswell Craig, minister of St Columba's Church, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen, has been ap-

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**Appointments** 

ippointment in July.

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Joses, of Harries Avenue, Lla-nelli, Dyfed, a leading Welsh Rugby Union official and former referee, and the first head teacher of the Welsh Junior School, Burry Port, left estate valued at £155.103 net.

Wolfson College

Wolfson College Cambridge has chosen six Commonwealth journalists to hold Press Fellow-ships at the college during the 1990/91 academic year. They are: 1990/91 academic year. They are My Sidharin Bhalla, deputy editor of Commercy Palvice for South editor of Commercy Palvice for South Souths, India. He will nois his fellowants from September December. 1990.

Mr Francis Koluthe. syntor reporter with the Garrian India. Acceptable of the Commercy Comme

Pattenmakers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Pattenmakers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Daniel Gilbert: Upper Warden, Mr J.P.H.M.S. Cunynghame: Renter Warden, Mr R.P. Shepherd; Warden to the Trade, Mr Richard Paice.

Other estates include (net

before tax paid): Mr Henry Bernard Hounsell, of Woldingham, Surrey, chartered accountant ............ £809,407. Mr Reginald Jones, of Maghull, Merseyside ......£602,133. Mr Kunnathu Ravonniarth Ravindranatha Menon, of Potters Bar, Hertford-.£691,579.

The Hon Mrs Muriel Norton North, of Melton Constable, Norfolk £626,125. Mr Terence Pinnington. of Blundellsands, Liver pool \_\_\_\_\_£520,738. Mr William Cartmell, of Black-

pool, Lancashire, late company director.....£605,072. Mrs Gwendaline Laura Gardner, of Warsash, Hamp-shire......£878,086. Mrs Elizabeth North Powell, of Cirencester, Gloucester-... £653,083. Mr Edward Maurice Weeden, of Hitchen, Hertfordshire £726,965. Mrs Ada Wood, of Hampstead Lane, London NW3.....£976,018. Mr John Dowglass Cardale, of Lydney, Gloucester-

Lydney, <u>\_£614,208</u>. Doris May Clark, of Cheam, ....£736,855. Surrey.... Miss Kathleen Griffin, of Newton Abbot, Devon.....£516,361. Mrs Muriel Miller, of Petersfield. 

Miss Elisabeth Alethea Grundy, of Royston, Hertfordshire £580,598. Mr John Haran, of Rede Place, London W2 .....£783.11. Mr Michael Howard Seys-Phillips. of Mereworth. Kent £746,832 Mrs Sheila Valerie Stern, of Edgware, Middlesex ..... £500,745. Mrs Mary Tulloch, of Rushall, Pewsey, Wiltshire £502,393.

Bridge

With one round to play in the Philip Morris European mixed teams championship, no British team is in serious contention. The tram is in serious contention. The leaders are: 1, Chevalley, Chemla, Toffier, Faivre, Lesguillier 255 (Fr); 2, Lavazza, Santia, Buratti, Vanuzzi, Olivieri 251 (It); 3, Norris, Hulgaard, Auken, Moller 247 (Nor). Of the nine British teams the best placed is that led by Sandra Penfold of Yorkshire in 22nd place. The mixed pairs championship began yesterday evening.

Guild of Freemen of the City of London

The following have been installed officers of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London for the ensuing year: Master, Dr John T. Breen; Senior Warden, Mr Rex S. Johnson: Renter Warden, Mr Jack E. Neary; Junior Warden, Mr Derek Kemp; Under Warden, Sir Clif-ford Chetwood. SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS

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Cage 1.30 Modern Art. Van Gogh
1.55 Chris Plantin, Polygiot
Printer of Antwerp 2.20 Strategic
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2.45 Network East. In Concert - Amjad

3.25 Film: Anne of Green Gables

Ali Khan, a leading sarod player

(1934, b/w) starring Anne Shirley, Tom Brown and O.P. Heggie. Adaptation of the children's story

about a headstrong orphan girl
who finds that her adoptive parents
are disappointed when they
discover she isn't a boy. Directed by

George Nicholis Jr.

4.40 Snooker. The British Car Rental
World Cup. First part of the best-of-

6.25 Rhythms of the World. Cuban
Nights. The second part of a two-part
programme which looks at
Cuba's top jazz band, Irakere

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7.15 NewsView. Moira Stuart and
Lynette Lithgow review the week's
news, followed by Weatherview

8.00 Missionaries (see Choice)

8.50 Snooker. David Icke introduces
coverage of the final session of the
British Car Rental World Cup

9.20 Film: Peeping Tom (1959) starring
Carl Boehm, Arma Massey, Maxine
Audey and Moira Shearer.
Classic shocker, controversial in its

virich leads him to limit as thoroas victims during their last moments. Effectively ended director Michael Powell's British career...

11.00 Film: The Small Back Room

Emeric Pressburger

12.45-1.50am Snooker. David icke
introduces the last frames in the

British Car Rental World Cup

Audey and Moira Shearer.
Classic shocker, controversial in its time but since halled as a masterpiece, about the disturbed psyche of a young cameraman which leads him to film his murder

(1948, b/w) starring David Farrar, Kathleen Byron and Jack Hawkins. Crisp suspense thriller based on Nigel Balchin's best-seller about a bomb-disposal expert

seasy about a bottle says as a part whose life is torn apart by his physical disability, alcoholism, and a deteriorating relationship.

Directed by Michael Powell and

17-frames final

## Seeking comfort on high

ELECTRICATION OF COLORS

Peter Waymark

 In Blind Faith (Channel 4, 10.00pm). yet another Canadian offering for the patchy 4 Play International season, Janet (Rosemary Dunsmore) is the young wife of a high-flying advertising executive. We know he is a high-flyer because he is so wrapped up in his job that he is hardly at home. The children are ignored, dinner dates are made and broken. Lonely and tearful, Janet seeks solace with a television evangelist. The relationship proves to be entirely spiritual but hubby is furious and the marriage becomes even more strained. The writer, Ian Sutherland, seems to be saying that both the ad man and the evangelist are exploiting their customers. But if Janet is as deluded as the people who goggle at television commercials, Blind Faith cannot offer any other solution to her troubles.



A television evangelist offers spiritual gnidance and solace (Ch4, 10.00pm)

• Iquitos (Channel 4, 8.00pm) is a lively documentary by Nicholas Shakespeare about a remote town in the Peruvian jungle which, until the airstrip was built. could only be reached by way of a 2,300 mile trip up the Amazon. In the early part of the century Iquitos was transformed by European rubber barons who became millionaires on the backs of the exploited Indians. When Malaya emerged as an alternative source of rubber. Iquitos was forced to turn to oil cocaine and wood from the rainforest. Shakespeare also reveals the persistence of an indigenous culture with its medicine men and an unshakeable belief in the aphrodisiac powers of the dolphin.

 If Julian Pettifer's polished series Missionaries (BBC2, 8.00pm) has sometimes seemed like a catalogue of lost causes, it has been strong viewing. He concludes tonight in Europe, which he presents as a latter-day dark continent where the spreading of the Christian message confronts a reality of dwindling Among those trying to keep the flame alight are the Power Team, a troupe of he-men from the United States, and a woman whose mission field is the red light district of Amsterdam.

• While the BBC's Living With Death has been dealing with the practicalities of bereavement, Nothing to Fear (Channel 4, 6.30pm) concentrates on the emotional effects. The Northern Ireland poet Damian Gorman draws on his own experience of death while calling on the sensitive and articulate testimonies of others forced to face up to grief.

6.40 Open University: Maths.
 Multiplying Matrices 7.05 Maths.
 Miles of Aisles
 7.30 Saturday Starts Here! Playdays.
 The Playground Stop (r)
 7.55 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon fun (r)
 8.00 New Adventures of Mighty

8.15 Tales of the Rodent Sherlock 8-15 Tales of the Rodent Sherlock
Holmes. The Adventure of the
Engineer's Thumb. Super sleuth
Roland Rat and Dr Kevin Watson go
on the Leyton Orient Express,
with Young Ones' Christopher Ryan
as the mysterious engineer
8.35 Thundercats (r)
9.00 Going Livel. Sarah Greene and
Phillip Schofield go live across the
Channel to Calars and are joined
by correctienne Victoria Wood and
Clothes Show presenter Jeff

Clothes Show presenter Jeff Banks. Plus music from Halo James and this week's "growing pains" advice from Phillip Hodson

advice from Philip Hodson
12.12 Weather. With Ian McCaskill
12.15 Grandstand. Introduced by
Desmond Lynam. This afternoon's
line-up is (subject to atteration):
12.20 Footbell: European Cup
quarter-finals and the latest World
Cup action 1.05 News. 1.10, 1.45
Person Marking Introductions Cup action 1.05 News. 1.10, 1.45
Racing from Newbury includes
1.15 Brown Chambertain Handicap
Chase 1.50 Hoechst Panacur
EBF Novices' Hurdle 2.25 Recing
Post Novices' Steeple Chase
Final. 1.25 Snooker: first eight of the
17-frame final in the British Car
Rental World Cup, from
Bournemouth, 2.00, 2.35 4.10
Athletics: IAAF World Cross Country
championshirs, from Aix-leschampionships, from Aix-les-Bains, France. 2.40 Rugby: live Bams, France, 2.40 raggy: Ive coverage of the Digital international rugby union match between tretand and Wales, from Dublin. 4.35 Cricket: first session on the second day of the third Test between the West Indies and England in Trinidad

5.05 News with Chris Lowe, followed

5.05 News with Chris Lowe, followed by Weather
5.15 Regional News and Sport
5.20 Stay Tooned. Tony Robinson presents more cartoons
5.45 The Flying Doctors. All in a Day's Work. The medics are so busy with tight schedules and emergencies that, when the vice-president of the Royal Flying Doctors Service makes an unannounced visit, they are too busy to take notice. Stars Liz Burch and Peter O'Brien. (Ceefax)

(Ceerax)

6.30 Jim\*il Fix It. Jimmy Savile makes more dreams come true, including those of Debi Coleman, who says she longs for a singling date with ageing pop performer Gary Glitter, and Alex Boyce, who says he wants to manufacture his own benefits to repeat (Cenfax).

akfast cereal (Ceefax) 7.05 Film: Starman (1984) starring Jeff Bridges and Karen Allen. Fantasy romance about a friendly ex-terrestrial whose spacecraft is shot down. When he escapes to a widow's remote home, he recreates himself in the form of her late husband, and . . . well, you guess. Directed by John Carpenter.

9.00 News and Sport with Martyn Lewis, followed by Weather. 9.20 Midnight Caller. Slick American "detective" series. A young Mexican girl approaches late-night radio host Jack Killian, asking him to help her illegal immigrant boyfriend, who is being exploited by a smallwho is being exploited by a smal-time boxing promoter and con-man. Stars Gary Cole, and Wendy Kilbourne. (Ceefax)

10.10 Rory Bremner. The impressionist in wickedly accurate action with a new list of victims, and guests John Bird, Elizabeth McKechnie,

Steve Nalion, Enn Reital and Steve Brown (at the piano) (r) 10.40 Film: Fletch (1985). Just about bearable comedy-thriller starring the over-zealous Chevy Chase and Joe Don Baker. Comedy thriller in

which investigative reporter

I.M. Fletcher gets caught up in a
weird plot when he is approached
by a young executive while posing by a young executive write posing undercover as a junkie. The newcomer offers him the chance to get \$50,000 and a passport to a new file — if he helps him to arrange his own murder. Directed by Michael Ritchie. (Ceefax)

12.15 Cricket. Tony Lewis presents the all-action highlights of the second day's play in the third Test match between the West Indies and England from Port-of-Spain 12.45 Weather. Ends at 12.50 am

( EXPLOREON ) 6.00 TV-am starts with Good Morning Momenta 7.00 WAC 90. Early-

morning gossip, news, and ormouth 2. Rally driving with Neë Buchanan, special effects skills

explained by Bob Keane, the launch of a poster competition for National Spring Clean Day by Rolf Harris, and music from Big Fun The ITV Chart Show. The all-video show's top 10 singles and looks at the current indie chart.

The Mitter Video Returns the Est. The Vintage Video features the Fat Boys and Chubby Chacker

12.30 The Munsters Today. One Fluorer the Munsters' Nest.

1.00 News followed by National Westland

Weather.

1.05 LWT News and Weather.

1.10 Find a Family, Lesie Thomas introduces seven-year-old twins Jamie and Katie, and their brother 11-year-old Daniel, who are tiving apart but hope to find a family which will adopt all three of them

1.15 Saint and Greevale. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves preview the international friendlies taking place next week, including England v Brazil at Wembley and Scotland's game against World Cup holders Argentins. Plus news from the Barclays League

Barclays League Sportsmasters. Dickie Davies asks the questions in the first asks the questions at the disk quarter-final of the sporting quiz Coronation Street. Ken Barlow, the whingeing wordsmith, is finding it difficult to work with his new

difficult to work with his new editor (r)

3.10 Mattock. The Network. Mattock is asked to defend a television producer accused of murdering a programmes chief, and finds that the case has more twists than most Hollywood scripts. Stars Andy Griffith

4.05 Katts and Dog. What if I'm Not a Cop? When Hank is grazed by a builet, he goes temporarily bland and has to reconsider what to do with his life. With Jesse Collins

4.45 Sports results.

5.00 News followed by National Weather

5.05 LWT News and Weather 5.15 Steell Computerized game show 5.45 Raywatch. Reunion. Mitch and Craig's friendship becomes strained when they meet an old flame

when they meet an old flame
(Oracle)

6.40 Davro, Impressions

7.10 You Betl. Bobby Davro (again),
Letitia Dean and Barry McGuigan bet
on whether or not a steateboarding footbeller, among others,
can complete the challenge he
has been set. With Bruce Forsyth and
Elis Ward

8.10 Murder, She Wrote. Double
Exposure. Jessica (Angela Lansbury)

8.10 Marder, She Wrote. Double
Exposure. Jessica (Angela Lansbury)
is puzzied when an old friend she
bumps into claims not to know her.
Later, his wife insists that he is
dead. So starts another saga.

9.10 Yellowthread Street. Slicing the
Dragon. Sluggish Hong Kong cop
show. Perez is a no-nonsense
property developer who ignores property developer who ignores ancient Chinese superstitions and beliefs, unless he can see a way to use them to his advantage.

(Oracle)
10.10 News and Sport. Followed by National Weather
10.25 LWT Weather
10.30 Find a Family. A second chance

10.30 Find a Family. A second chance to see the programme shown this afternoon (r)
10.35 Aspel and Company. Michael Aspel's guests are Edward Woodward and Billy Joel. Followed by Find a Family Update.
11.20 Tour of Duty. USO Down. On a reconnaisance mission, Bravo Company runs into a civilian band whose helicopter has been shot down. As the soldiers attempt to get the musicians back to safety, they discover the band's leader is a warmonger who sees the perfect warmonger who sees the perfect opportunity to do some killing. With Terence Knox.

Tates and the Campbells. Followed by News Headlines (r)
12.50 Racing Yachts. Fast-moving

action
1.05 American College Football.
Vanderbilt v Tennessee
Clocks go forward at 2am; the following programmes are listed in British Summer Time

4.00 The Hit Man and Her. Dance music, fashion, competitions and live

music, tashion, competents and ive music from the country's clubs, introduced by Michaela Strachan and Pete Waterman. Followed by News Headlines. 5.00 FTN Morning News. Ends at 6.00am

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Pick a Number 3.10-4.45 Film: Night
Chase 5.45 Katts and Dogs 6.15-6.40 Campbels
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CHANNEL 4

6.00 Durrell in Russia (1) Song of the Capercaille. Lee and Gerald Durrell visit the Soviet Union (1) 6.30 Just 4 Fan Stories and cartoons for children. 7.00 Once upon a Time. . . Life Animated adventures set inside the human body. 7.30 International Times — World News 8.00 Transworld Sport 9.00 Channel 4 Recing. The Morning Line 9.25 Sing and Swing with the stars of the 1930s and 1940s 9.30 Same Difference subtitled Same Difference subtitled programme for the disabled (r)

10.00 Travelog presented by Bernard Falk and Diane Kenwood (r)
10.30 Falm: Selome (1953) starring Rita Hayworth and Stewart Granger.
Lavish but quite likeable Hollywood adaptation of the Biblical story. Directed by William Dieterle

12.25 Film: The Case of the Mulddinese
Battlehorn (1954, b/w) starring Peter
Sellers, Dick Emery and Spike
Milligan. Goon-like comedy in which
Scotland Yard is alerted after a
rare Mulddinese Bettlehorn is stolen rare Mukkinese Battlehorn is stolen from the Metropolitan Museum. Directed by Joseph Sterling

1.00 Film: Weit Til the Sun Shines
Nellie (1952) Nostalgic exercise in
Americana starring David Wayne
and Jean Peters as a couple looking
back on their 50 years together in
a small American town. Directed by

Henry King
3.00 Channel 4 Racing from
Doncaster. Live coverage of the
3.05, 3.40, 4.15 and 4.45 races
5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Oracle)

5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Oracle)
6.00 Right To Reply
6.30 Nothing To Fear: Something Is
Lost, Something Is Found. (see
Choice) 7.00 The World This
Week followed by Weather
8.00 Adventures: Iquitos. (see Choice)
(Oracle)
9.00 thirtysomething: Strangers.
Melissa is embarrassed about her
love for a younger man,
particularly when Michael and Hope
invite them to dinner
10.00 4-Play International: Blind Faith
starring Rosemary Dunsmore as a
lonely mother and housewife
dissatisfied with life (see Choice)
11.05 On the Other Hand. Shekhar
Kapur hosts this lively talk show

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aimed mainly at an Asian audience

12.05 cm Film: Frankenatein (1931 b/w) starring Boris Karloff and Colin Clive. One of the earliest films on the evil doings of the mad doctor. Well worth catching for its vintage value. Directed by James Whale.

1.25 Film: The Ghoul (1933 b/w). Boris Karloff stars as a menacing professor who rises from his

rea kin stars as a memacing professor who rises from his grave in order to seek vengeance for the theft of a valuable Egyptian jewel. Directed by T. Hayes Hunter. Ends at 2.50

BBC1 WALES: 5.15 pm Wales on Saturday
5.05 pen Afternoon Sportscene 5.15-8.20 News
and sport 10.40 Sportscene 11.25-12.13 pm Natalie
Cole in Concert NORTHERN HREL AND: 5.155.20 pm News and sport 10.40 The Show 11.40 First
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4.10 Hodson Confidential 4.25-8.00 Profiles
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Mission Galactea 4,15-4,45 Bullseye 2,10-5,10
Magnum 11,20 Film: American Glock 2,30em Twilight
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SAC Starts: 8.00am Early Morning 8.25 Sing and Swing 8.30 Same Difference 19.00 Walket Talke 19.30 Art of the Wessern World 11.00 Growing Places 11.30 Travelog 12.00 4th Dimension 12.30 pm First Life Begins in College\* 2.15 Rygbi 4.15 Recning 5.05 Brookside 6.00 Right to Reply 6.20 Wonder Years 7.00 Gophers 7.20 News 7.40 Mai 1fan 1Me 8.20 Maes Chwarae 9.10 First Viscom 10.50 Short and Curties 11.05 On the Other Hand 12.05ean Film: Frankenstein\* 1.25 Film: The Ghour 2.20 Coses PTE 1 Starts: 9.00am Scrach Saturday 1.00pm Bionic woman 2.00 Resh gordon 2.25 Popeys 6 Son 2.30 Film: Roque River 4.20 Film: Blowing Wild 6.01 Sb-One 6.15 Melibeg 6.35 Femous Toddy 2.7.05 Baywatch 8.00 Candid Camera 8.30 Shades of Red 9.00 News 9.20 Delias 10.15 Kenny Liver 11.40 Wolf 12.30am News, Close NETWORK 2 \$12.00am News

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Barrier Reef 6.20 The Flying Khvi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Sionic Woman 12.00 Frank Bough's World 1.00pms The Black Sneep Squadron 2.00 Cricket: West Indies v England, second day of the third Test, from Trinidad 9.00 The Streets Of San Francisco 10.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 11.00 Sky World News Tonight 11.30 The Untouchables

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

5.00am Sky News 5.30 Motor Sports
News 6.30 Newsline 7.30 Beyond 2000

8.30 Beyond 2000 9.30 Rowing Report
10.30 Motor Sports News 11.30 Beyond
2000 12.30pm Fashion TV 1.30 Rowing
Report 2.30 Motor Sports News 3.30 Our
World 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.30
Entertainment This Week 6.30 Fashion TV
7.30 Rowing Report 9.30 Our World
10.30 Entertainment This Week 11.30
Fashion TV 12.30am The Best of
Target 2.30 (BST) Entertainment This Weel Target 2.30 (BST) Entertainment This Week 3.30 Those Were The Days 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES

From 8.00am The Shopping Charnel

All films will be scrambled
2.00pm The Whistle Blower (1985):
Michael Caine as a man investigating his son's suicide 4.00 Rockin' with Judy Jetson: 4.00 Rockin' with Judy Jatson:
Animated adventure
6.00 Jane and the Lost City (1987):
Based on the exploits of the wartime Daily
Minor cartoon strip character
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 The Boy in Stue: Nicolas Cage as
Ned Hantan, the legendary Canadian rowing

ace
9.40 UK Top 10: Cinema films
10.40 Rambo 3 (1988): Sylvester
Stallone as the Vietnam veteran John
Rambo, who Invades Afghanistan to
rescue his best friend from the Russiens
11.45 And God Crasted Woman (1987): A prisoner is offered her freedom on Outland
conditions. With Rebecca DeMornay
1.30 am Platoon (1986): Charlie Sheen
as a new recruit fighting in the Vietnam Witz
With Tom Berenger and Willem Dafoe
5.00 (BST) Maximum Overdrive (1988):
Stephen King's horror film about electrical
appliances and vehicles which come to
life. With Emilio Estevaz. Ends at 6.40 am.

**EUROSPORT** 

6.00am Barrier Reef 6.30 The Flying Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 BMX 9.30 International Funboard 10.30 Goals 11.00 F1 Motor Racing 11.30 International Indoor Football 12.30pm Indoor Hockey 1.00 Ford Ski Report 2.30 Rugby Union: Ireland v Wales, Five Nations Championship 4.30 Indoor Hockey 5.00 Wheels 6.00 Surfer Magazine 6.30 Trox 7.00 Trans World Sport 8.00 International Athletics 9.00 Boxing: Saturday Night Athletics 9.00 Boxing: Saturday Night Fights 10.30 F1 Motor Racing 11.00 Snooker: Semi-finals of the European

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6.30 mm Non-Stop Pure Pop, incl Remote Control 9.30 US Top 20 Countdown 11.90 Yol 11.30 Week in Rock 12.90 Ray cokes 12.30pm Club MTV 1.90 Ray Cokes 4.00 MTV Spotlight; The Wet Wet Wet Interview 4.30 XPO 5.00 The Big Picture 5.30 Party Zone 7.30 Kristiane Backer 10.00 Saturday Night Live 10.30 Club MTV 11.00 Erotika 11.30 Maiken Wexo 3.00am (BST) Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

1.00am World Rally Championships
2.00 Basketball 3.30 Rugby League 5.00
Football 7.00 Ice Hockey 9.00 World
Rally Championships 10.00 Motor Racing
12.00 Argentinian Football 1.00pm
Rugby League 2.20 Field Hockey 4.30
Res Cup 6.30 Powersports 7.30 Ice Hockey 9.30 Rugby League 11.00 US
Professional Boxing 12.30am Argentinian Football

LIFESTYLE

12.00 Jason of Star Command
12.30pm The Secrets of Isis 1.00
Smothers Brothers 1.30 McKeever & The Colonel 2.00 Championship Rodeo 3.00 Wrestling 4.00 The Edge of Night

Full Information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

## Twins night at the opera

(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

 There are two schools of thought about Beniamino Gigli — that a little of him goes a long way, and that even a lot of him does not go far enough. I subscribe to the latter. If you are of like mind, you won't allow anyone or anything to prevent your tuning in to the double helping of Gigli on Radio 3 tonight, Cavalleria Rusticana (7.20pm) and Pagliacci (8.50pm). Both are La Scala productions, and they have a rarity value because Gigli recorded only 10 complete operas, including an Aida which, in my book, has not been matched, let alone surpassed, in the 44 years since he made the recording. Although tonight's Cav and Pag were recorded when Gigli was 50 and vocally at his best, it was not until six years later that he sang both Canio and Turiddu in the opera house on the same night. Unwisely, he refused to part company with der aloud at the old-fashioned opera's heavenly twins for another eight years.



Thain's cracker of a crime thriller, is so much a child of the computer age that its scene and time changes are executed entirely by electronic bleeps. So it is rather disorientating when the crook who plans to

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 16 JUPATI (c) A Brazilian palm, Ra-phia taedigera, bearing large leaves whose long stalks are used locally as a building material, from the Tupi word: "The moon now broke forth and lighted up the leaves of monstrous jupati paims which arched over."

PIOLET (b) An ice-axe used by Alpine climbers, from the Piedmontese dialect piola a straper: "All three had barely time to plant their piolets in the ice and fasten



(Radio 4, 7.45pm), Paul steal a merchant bank's master data base, pauses to wonway the leaden colour of the Thames can turn to gold.

the cord before they were carried to the brink." FEDDAN (b) An Egyptian measure of nd, a little more than an English acre in extent, from the Arabic fudén a yoke of oxen The small propri-ctors who own from fifty to PARANYMPH (a) A bridesmaid or grooms-man, from the Greek para-beside + aumohe bride; Nabakov: "Lacette turned

out to be, against all reason and will, the impeccable paranyaph."

#### RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW 5.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 DLT on the Road 1.00 pm Adrian Juste 2.00 The Classic Albums: Dark Side of the Moon. Dave Gilmour talks to Road Scott shout the classic the Moon. Dave Gilmour talks to Roger Scott about this classic album 3.00 The Saturday Sequence with Richard Skinner 7.00 Andy Peebles Soul Train 9.30 in Concert: The Cramps, recorded at Brixton Academy, London; The Ramones, recorded at Sheffield University 10.30 The Mary Whitehouse Experience 11.00-2.00mm The Saturday Rock Show

RADIO 2

FM Stereo
4.00mm Dave Bussey 6.00
Graham Knight 8.05 David Jacobs
9.00 Sounds of the Sidles
10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00
Geraid Harper 1.30pm The
News Huddlines (new series) 2.00
Robin Ray on Record 3.00
Katie Boyle 5.00 The Musical
World of John Cacavas 6.00
Chema 2 6.30 Myself When
Young: Dame Vera Lynn 7.00
The ABC Quiz 7.30 Seturday Gala
Night 9.30 String Sound 10.05
Martin Keiner 12.05mm Night Owls
1.00mm Nightride 3.00-4.00 A
Little Night Music

#### **WORLD SERVICE**

5.00 cm German Features 5.35 News in German; Headines in English and French 5.56 Financial News 5.35 Weather and Travel News 8.00 News 5.35 Weather and Travel News 8.00 News 5.35 Weather and Travel News 8.00 News 8.0



Dame Vera Lynn: talks to Claire Rayner about her childhood on this week's edition of Myself When Young (R2, 6.30pm)

(Danse macabre: Lesile Howard, piano)

1.00pm News

1.05 Webern Weekend (new series): A two-day series of Webern's complete acknowledged works -- Op 1 to Op 31 -- in eight programmes, with related talks and features 1.45

Webern (Concarto On 24:

with Mark Saggers. West indies v England. Commentary on the second day's play of the third Test, from Dead of Second Test, f

## RADIO 3

Stam: Weather and News
 Headlines
 7.00 Morning Concert: RimskyKorsstov (Sinfonletta in A
 minor: USSR Academic SO
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under Yevgeny Svetlanov) under Yevgeny Svettanov)
7.30 News
7.36 Morning Concert (cont):
Bizet (L' Arésienne, Suite
No 1: RPO under Thomas
Geecham); Dellus (Sleigh
Ride: RPO under Thomas
Beecham); Reger (Four
Tone Poems after Böcklin:
Royal Concertgebouw
Orchestra under Järvi)
8.30 News

a.30 Naws
a.35 Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev:
The last of five concerts from St David's Hall,
Cardiff. BBC Welsh SO under Tadaald Otaka performs Tchaikovsky (Francesca da Rimini, Op 32); Prokofiev (Fiano Concerto No 5 in 6)

9.35 Saturday Review with Richard Osborne. Record Review — Building a Library:
John Warrack on Schubert's String Quartet in G, D 887;
Julian Budden reviews Italian opera 10.46 Record Release: Giovanni Mayr (Amiche cingete . . . Caro albergo "Medea in Corinto": Philharmonia under David Parry; Geoffrey Mitchel

Philharmonia under David Parry; Geoffrey Mitchell Choir): Liszt (Funerallies: Julius Katchen, piano); Rossini (Stabat mater: Soloists, London Symphony Charus; City of London Sinfonia under Hickox); Striotte discrete retacts: Berlioz, transc Liszt (L'Idée fixe: Lesfle Howard, piano); Wagner (Siegfried: Columbia SO under Bruno Walter); Pucchi (Storiella viamer, Poccin (schelled d'amore: Sole e amore; Morire?: Placido Domingo, tenor, Julius Rudel, plano); Saint-Saëns, transo Liszt (Danse macebra: Lessie

Webern (Concerto, Op 24; Two Songs, Op 8: Ensemble intercontemporatin under Preme Boulez) (r) 2.00-8.30 Test Match Special

cay's pay of the futro test, from Port-of-Spain, Trimidad 2.00 From the Proms 1989 (FM only): Final programme.
European Community Youth Orchestra under Bernard Haltink performs Bruckner (Symphony No 8 in C minor) 11.200 News 12.05am Close

3.30 Webern Weekend (FM only):
Five Pieces, Op 10(r): Six
Songs, Op 14: Six
Orchestral Pieces, Op 6
4.00 Webern Weekend (FM only):
Music by the Renaissance
composer Heimrich Isaac
4.30 Debut (FM only): Farnaby
Brass Ensemble performs
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5.00 Jazz Record Requests (FM
only) with Peter Clayton)
5.45 Critics Forum (FM only):
John Wilders, in the chair,
talks with Benedict
Nightingale, Mark Steyn and
Marina Warner on: Steve
Kloves's film The Fabulous
Baker Boys; A Matter of the
Soul by Ingmar Bergman on
Radio 3: Falke: The Art of
Deception at the British
Museum; Sunday in the
Park with George by
Stephen Sondheim and
James Lapine at the
National Theatre; and
Kingsley Amis's novel The
Folks That Live on the Hill

National inears; and Kingsley Amis's novel The Folks That Live on the Hill 6.35 Webern Weekend (FM only): Ouartet, Op 22 (f); Five Songs, Op 4; Five Movements, Op 5 orchestral version; Cantata.

orchestral version; Cantata, Op 31
7.20 Glofi in Cav and Pig (FM only until 9.30): Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, Milen under the composer perform Cavalleria Rusticana, Pietro Mascagni's one-servo opera, to mark the centenary of the to mark the centenary of the birth of Benismino Gigli (see Choice) 8.48 Gigli's performance of the two roles and their importance in his career are considered by John Steame 8.50 Pagliacci. Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, Milan under Franco Ghione

pertorm Ruggiero Leoncavallo s opera in a prologue and two acts (see Choice) 10.05 Webern Weekend: Five Songs, Op 3; Four Pieces, Op 7; Five Sacred Songs, Op 15 Op 15

10.25 Uster Orchestra under
Robin Page performs
Joseph Martin Kraus
(Overure, Olympe); Ingvar
Lidbolm (Music for Strings);
Carl Nielsen (Symphony No
1 in G minor), Scandinavian

#### RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.55am. Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 The Farming Week. A report from the Lake District where farmers are report from the Lake
District, where farmers are
trying to influence the way
their National Park is run
6.50 Prayer for the Day with
James Whitbourn 6.55
Weather 7.00 Today, with
Peter Hobday and Chris
Lowe, inci 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 7.55,
8.58 Weather
9.00 News

9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4 with Cliff Morgan 9.30 Breakaway: Holiday and travel news. Presented by Bernard Falk, with Nigel

Coombs
10.00 News; Loose Ends; Ned
Stierrin, with guests Robert
Elms, Victoria Mather and Elms, Victoria Mather and John Watters (s)

11.00 News; The Week in Westminster with Peter Jenkins of The Independent

11.30 Europhile: Weekly magazine reflecting political life in Europe. This week, music from the celters of Paris and a report from Finland where some is greeted by suicide

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12.00 Money Box with Louise

Botting and Vincent

Duggleby. This week, the

Money Box team analyses Money Box team analyses and explains the practical impact of the Budget proposals on personal finances and assesses possible changes in the savings and investment markets

markets 12.25pm Just a Minutel: The nonstop talking game, hosted by Nicholas Parsons. With Wendy Richard, Peter Jones, Paul Merton and Richard Murdoch (s) 12.58

1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby in Derby, with panellists Margaret Beckett, MP, Shadow Chief Segratory to the Tonacount MP, Shadow Chief
Secretary to the Treasury:
Sarah Hogg, economics
editor of The Telegraph
papers; Peter Lilley, MP,
Financial Secretary to the
Treasury; and lan
Wingolesworth, president of
the SLD (r)

2.00 Any Answers? (11-580 4411
Jonathan Dimbleby takes
listeners' calls on issues
raised in Any Questions?

2.30 The Wedding of Jacke; Play

2.30 The Wedding of Jackie: Play by John Hall, With Tara Dominick (s) (r)

3.45 Coleridge Walks the Fells:
Alan Hankinson introduces
Samuel Taylor Coleridge's
account of his nine-day tour
around the Lake District.
With Nigel Carrington as.
Colenge (s) (r)
4.00 Age to Age with Barry
Curliffe. Including a look at
the days of food shortages
during the war; and

during the war; and Marguerite Patten remembers how cultury treats were made from available ingredents

4.30 Science Now with Alun Lewis

Lewis
5.00 Turbulent Priests: The Rev
Dr Edward Norman talks to
four controversial clerics
about the principles and
beliefs which motivate them.
Part 2: Rebbie Meir Kehans,
leader of the Kech party in
Israel (r)

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leader of the Kach party in Israel (r)

5.25 Week Ending: Satirical review of the week's news. With Bill Wallis, David Tate, Sally Grace and Royce Mills (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 News: Sports Round-Up

6.25 Citizens omnibus edition (s)

7.10 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson (s)

7.45 Saturday-Night Theatre: The Korvack Conspiracy, by Paul Thain. With Terry Molloy as Korvack (s) (see Choce)

Choice)
9.00 Music in Mind: Brian Kay
with a selection of melodies 9.50 Ten to Ten led by The Rav
Malcolm Love (s) 9.50
Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Open Mind: Hugo Young
challenges three experts to
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10.45 Teiling Lies: Last of four programmes about deceit and the detection of lying (f)

11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with the Beaux Arts Trio (s) (r)

11.30 Saturday-Night Fry: The sixth and last in the comedy series, with Stephen Fry. Hugh Laure, Jim Broadtiert and Emma Thompson, The guest is Phyllida Law (s) (r)

12.00 12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FM as LW except:
1.35-2.00pm Programme News
4.30-6.00 Optons: 4.30 The Science of Sound 5.00 Wordpower Writing 5.30 Deutsch

#### SUNDAY'S TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Penny Osborn and Gillian Maxey

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(TELEVISION CHOICE)

Peter Waymark

 Dramas of marital discord turn up all too frequently on television, but Child-ren Crossing (BBC2, 10.05pm) is a superior example of the genre with a clutch of talents working at full throttle. Written (from Verity Bargate's novel) by Trevor Preston and directed by Angela Pope, who was responsible for the powerful Things As You Are, it builds its impact through a series of short, crisp scenes which deftly intercut past and present, dream and reality. Essentially it is the story of Rosie (a quietly commanding performance by Saskia Reeves in her first big television role) whose errant husband (Peter Firth) drives her to the borders of insanity and into the friendly arms of Dr Bob Peck. But the enigma of the piece is how far his infidelity is the product of her self-inflicted jealousy. • The pick of the rest: Not With a Bang (ITV, 10.05pm), a new sitcom about the last survivors on Earth . . . The South Bank Show (ITV, 10.40pm), which profiles the choreographer Mark Morris ... and Airline (BBC2, 8.35pm), the last



in the series about British Airways.

Saskia Reeves as Rosie and Peter Firth as her errant husband (BBC2, 10.05pm)

#### RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

• A land without music, Mendelssohn called Scotland. Fighting talk, but not without a basis in truth, given the Scots' 19th century reluctance to put their music on public show. No foreigner fearful for his skin and reputation would dare repeat the charge nowadays. None the less, there is a hint of provocation in the question mark someone has thought fit to append to the title of tonight's Radio 3 assessment of the renaissance of music-making in Scotland, A Land without Music? (6.00pm)...Also recommended: Michael Williams reading John Gerard's harrowing account of ment and toque in the Tower (Radio 4, 8.40pm). His agony, and his unbreakable loyalty, witnessed in 1597, retain the power to hurt us and inspire us in 1990.

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4.45 Open University
4.55 Playdays. The Patch Stop (r)
9.15 Morning Worship. From the
campus chapel at Sussax University
10.00 Bazaar. (r) 10.25 The Software
Show. Databases (r) 10.50 Mosaic.
Here To Stay (r)
11.20 You in Mind. How to cope with
depression (r) 11.30 Step Up to
Wordpower. Communicating
more effectively. (Ceefax) 11.55 You
Are What You Eat. Lize Goodsard
looks at how to kick the sunar helpt.

Are What You Eat. Liza Goddard looks at how to kick the sugar habit. (Ceefax)

12.05 See Hear Extral. Includes an interview with Oliver Sacks

12.30 Country File. Chris Baines examines increasing public concern about the environmental affects of energy production, and reports on how some European countries are trying to combat this potential future hazard 12.55 Weather

1.00 News. With Moira Stuart, followed by On the Racord. The Economy of Britain. Jonathan Dimbleby talks to the Chancellor, John Major, about the state of the economy and asks whether the public can expect

the state of the economy and asks whether the public can expect any changes in direction in the run up to the next general election. Plus John Cole with a look at business in Westminster this week.

2.00 EastEnders. (r) (Ceefax)

3.00 Film: The Bridge on the River Kwal (1957). Starring Alec Guinness, and William Holden. Epic Oscarwinning Second World War story about British POWs who are given orders to build a vital given orders to build a vital communication railway link over the River Kwai. Directed by David

the River Kwal. Directed by David-Lean. (Coefax)

5.35 Tom and Jerry.

5.45 The Clothes Show. With Selina Scott and Jeff Barks. Includes a look at the autumn and winter collections of top French couture houses and international

designers
6.15 Lifeline. An appeal on behalf of the National Out of School Alliance 6.25 News. With Moira Stuart.

**6.40 Songs of Praise.** Roger Royle visits Middlesbrough for Mother's

7.15 Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less. The first of a four-part dramatisation of Jeffrey Archer's novel about a scheming Harvard financier who devises a plan to the scheme observed as a scheme obs double-cross shareholders in an oil company. Starring Edward Asner, Ed Begley Jr and Jenny Agutter.

(Ceefax)
8.05 Don't Wait Up. Comedy starring
Tony Britton and Nigel Havers.
(Ceefax)

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8.35 Mestermind. This week's specialist subjects are the life and work of Michael Faraday; British and American musical theatre since 1945; the life and Shropshire novels of Mary Webb; and British politics since 1900. Presented by Magnus Magnusson from Aston University's Great Hall
9.05 That's Lifel. Consumer affairs series presented by Esther Rantzen
9.50 News. With Michael Buerk.

10.05 Heart of the Matters Telling Tales. A friend, a next-door-neighbour, a work colleague or even a doctor - Joan Bakewell asks where the line should be drawn between invading privacy and acting as a responsible active citizen in

society when it comes to giving information about someone else. 10.40 Dear John: USA, American 10.40 Deer John: USA. American comedy series starring Judd Hirsch.

11.05 Someone Like Me. Singer/ songwriter Oon Sulfivan gives a personal picture of how he left his native Insh home In Donegal in

search of work 11.35 Cricket: Third Test. Presented by Tony Lewis 12.05 Network East (r)

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6.00 TV-am begins with RSPB. 6.30
Animals in Action. 7.00
Dappledown Farm. 8.00 Devid
Frast on Sunday. David Frost
continues his series of lively
current affairs programmes. Includes
news and weather at 8.00 and
9.00

9.25 Mother's Day Sakrte, A celebration of motherhood according to the wonderful world of Walt

10.15 The Compbeller Stand and 10.45 Link: Right To Live. Geneticist
Professor Robert Winston talks
about the implications of being
able to decide which children are
born, and the effects that this
could have on disabled people.
11.06 Morning Worship from the
Hardres Street United Church in
Ramsgate.

Ramsgate. 12.00 Encounter: No Laughing Matter?
Jeremy Pascall takes a light-hearted look at contemporary religious humour. 12.30 My Little Pony. 12.40 Police 5.

With Shaw Taylor.

1.00 News at One with Carol Barnes. Weather
1.10 Eyewitness investigates some of the most notable current affairs

stories of the week.

2.00 Find a Family.

2.05 Film: Desert Mice (1959, b/w): A gentle comedy set in North Africa during the Second World War starring Sid James, Dora Bryan and Irene Handi. Directed by Michael

irene Handi. Directed by Michael Reiph.

3.30 The Prince and Princess in West Africa. Fions Armstrong reports on the Royal couple's week-long trip to Nigeria and the Cameroons.

4.00 Arts Festivel 1990. Showcase of young talent presented by Melvyn Bragg

5.30 Bullseys. Quiz show

6.00 Rescue: We Never Say Never. A 13-year-old girl on the Isle of Skye needs emergency medical treatment on the mainland. What should usually be a routine job for the emergency team becomes a battle against the elements.

6.30 News with Carol Barnes. Weather

6.35 LWT News and weather.

6.40 Highway. Harry Secombe visits Berwick-upon-Tweed

7.15 A Kind of Living. Return of the off-best popular cornedy programme streams.

off-beat popular comedy programme starring Richard Griffiths (Oracle) 7.45 Inspector Morse. The Last Enemy. A body in a canal is discovered to have close connections with one of the Oxford colleges. Morse and Lewis investigate (r) (Oracle)

9.45 News with Carol Barnes. Weather 10.00 LWT Weather.

10.05 Not with a Beng. A new situation

10.35 Find a Family. (r)
10.40 The South Bank Show: Mark
Morts - The Hidden Soul of

Harmony. Film of American choreographer Mark Morris at work with his company, including rehearsals with the dancer Mikhail 11.40 The Greenhouse Effect. This

programme aims to give the genuine tacks and figures about the greathouse effect. Canadian and American experts explain their research into the holes in the ozone research into the holes in the czone layer, and a British expert talks about the rising levels of the coams over the centuries. Followed by Find a Family Update.

12.45am Elton John in Central Park. (r)
1.45 The ITV Chart Show. (r). Followed by News Headlines
2.45 Pick of the Week with James
Whate

3.15 Hillary's Adventures. Dare-devil escapades 3.45 Racing Yachts. 5.00 ITM Morning News. Ends at 6.00

## ( BBC 2 )

Copen University
 12.00 Westminster Week. Christopher
 Jones looks back at the week of the
 Budget12.35 Regional
 Parliamentary Reviews. (Ceefax)
 1.00 Ecologys Decomposition. The
 ecological process of falling leaves
 1.25 Film: Foreign Intrigue (1956).
 Mystery thriller starring Robert
 Michum. Directed by Sheidon
 Beynolds.

Reynolds. 3.00 One in Four. Includes a report on

3.00 One in Four. Includes a report on the media coverage of disability. With sign-language and subtitles (r)
3.30 40 Minutes: Many Happy
Returns. (r) (Ceefax)
4.10 10 X 10: The Scotch Guard. (r)
4.20 The Magnum Story. (r)
5.10 Rugby Special Introduced by Chris Rea.
6.10 It's Garry Shandling Shows
Angelica. With Jennifer Tilly.
6.35 The Money Programme. Includes a report on the success story of the Anglo-Dutch company Unilever

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7.15 Land of the Eagle: Into the
Shining Mountains. A look at the
natural history of North America

(Ceefax)

8.05 Ripping Yarma. Escape from
Stateg Luft 1128. Starring Michael
Palin (r)

8.35 Airline: Sky Wars. With British
Airways' chief executive Skr Colin
Marchall

Arways' cher executive Sir Colin Marshall

9.26 The Talk Show with Clive James. Clive James is joined by Russian commentator and journalist Viadimir Posner, Edward Said and Frances d'Souza

10.05 Film: Children Crossing. [see Choice] (Ceefax)

11.35 The Brazilian Grand Prix.
12.05 mm Repido. (r)

12.05am Repido. (r) 12.35 Snub TV. (r). Ends at 1.10

#### CHANNEL 4

6.00 Hallelujahl. (r) 6.30 Flight over Spain. Zamora. 7.90 Growing Places with Penelope Kelth. (r) 7.30 Box Office Weekly. 8.00 The Bluffers. 8.30 Children's Island. 9.00 Dennis.

9.25 Spice. 10.00 A Week in Politics. A review of

10.00 A Week in Politics. A review of the parliamentary week from Andrew Rawnsley and Vincent Hanna
11.00 Boontl. (1) 11.30 The Henderson Kids. 12.00 The Waltons. 1.00 Land of the Giants.
2.00 Film: Blood and Send (1941).
Stylish remake of the Valentino classic starring Rita Hayworth.
Directed by Rouben Mamodian
4.20 The Cannon. Polish cartoon
4.25 Southwest: Lands at the Margin.
As the erosion of Dartmoor, Exmoor and Bodmin Moor continues, how are local farmers coping?
5.25 News summary and weather.

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6.00 4th Dimension.
6.30 The Wonder Years.
7.00 Fragile Earth: Birds As Prey.
Examines the slaughter of migrating birds. (Oracle)
8.00 The Media Show looks at the role

8.00 The Media Show looks at the role of the media inside prisons
9.00 Sinfonietta its The Free World.
Paut Crossley profiles Polish composer Witold Lutoslawski
10.00 Films The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie (1969). Oscar-winning Maggle Smith stars as an unconventional teacher who inspires and enthralls her pupils. Directed by Ronald Neame. (Oracle).
12.15am Film: Sonho de Valsa (1987). Surreal Brazilian film starring Xuxa Lopes. With English subtitles. Directed by Ana Carolina. Ends 1.50

#### VAHIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 10.50 cm Flying Doctors
12.45 cm for Sport 12.30 Farming
12.45 cm News \$COTLAND 12.30 -1.00 pm
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MELAND: No variations
BBC2 WALES: 12.35-1.00 cm See Hear Extra
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Parming Diary 2.05 Members Only 2.30
Highway to Heaven 3.30 Firm: Count Five and Diary
5.06-5.30 Royal Your 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H
12.35pm Film: Up The Junction 3.00 Cinematiractions
3.30 Transmission 4.30-5.00 Pick of the Week.

BORDER As London except 12.30 pm-1.00
Rescue 3.30 Fell Gay 4.30 Royal Tour 5.00 Scotsport
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12.40 as Quiz Night 1.65 i Spy 2.05 Crazy About the
Movies 2.35 Burke's Law 3.35 Pick at the Week 4.05-

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CENTRAL As London except 12.30pm-1.00
Here and Now 2.35 Royal Tour 3.05
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11.46 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.40em Film: To Kill a
Rat 3.00 Ski Tips 3.30 Chart Show 4.25-5.00 CHANNEL As London except: 12.35 pm Les
Francais Chez-Yous 12.50-1.00
Garden 2.05 Katts and Dog 2.30 Highway to Heaven
3.30 Firm: Count Free and Die 5.00-5.30 Knyal Your
11.40 Human Factor 12.10 am One to One 12.40
Invisible Man 1.10 Guinness Records 1.40 Film:
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to Coast People.

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GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm - 1.00

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Hill 3.00 Bullseye 3.30 Film: Nowhere to Hide 5.05

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HTV WALES AS HTV West except 2.05-2.35pm

People 11.25 News, Close.
NETWORK 2 Starts: 10.15am Sparracus
10.46 Land of the Gents 11.30

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SKY ONE

6.00am The Hour Of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Hour Of Power 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm What A Country 1.30 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 2.30 Football: Zenith Data Systems Cup Final from Wembley Stadium 5.00 Cricket: West Indies v England, third day of the third Test, from Trinided 10.10 Entertainment This Week 11.00 Sky News 11.30 The Big Valley.

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

3.00am Sky News 5.30 The Best of Target 6.30 The Unesco Report 7.30 Our World 8.30 Those Were The Days 9.30 Entertainment This Week 10.30 The Unesco Report 11.30 Beyond 2000 12.30pm The Editors 1.30 Those Were The Days 2.30 Roving Report 3.00 Cricket: West Indies v England, third day of the third Test, from Trinidad 5.30 Entertainment This Week 6.30 Roving Report 7.30 Cops 8.30 Those Were The Days 9.30 The Editors 10.30 Roving Report 11.30 Cops 12.30am Those Were The Days 1.30 The Editors 2.30 Entertainment This Week 3.30 Those Were The Days 4.30 Cops

#### SKY MOVIES

From 8.00am The Shopping Channel

All films will be scrambled
2.00pm Light of Day (1987): Michael
J. Fox as a factory worker by day who plays
in a rock 'n' roll band at night
4.00 Best Shot (1987): Gene Hackman
as a basketball coach trying to revive the
fortunes of a high school team
6.00 Money Mania (1987): A dying
man's words spark off a nationwide search
for three caches of money
7.40 Projector: Movies on Sky
8.00 Frantic (1988): Harrison Ford as an
American on vacation in Paris whose wife
mysteriously disappears. With From 8.00am The Shopping Channel

American on vacation in Paris whose wife mysteriously disappears. With Emmanuelle Seigner 10.00 Radio Days (1987): Woody Alien directs and narrates this tale of life in the 1940s, when radio dominated family life 11.45 M\*A\*S\*\* (1987): Starring Donald Sutherland and Elliot Gould 1.45am Wall Street (1987): Michael Douglas and Charlie Sheen in Oliver Stone's critique of insider dealing 4.00 Vamp (1986): Three college kids discover a nest of urban vampires. Ends at 5.30am

#### **EUROSPORT**

6.00am The Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 BMX 9.30 Surfer Magazine 10.00 Trax 10.30 F1 Motor Recing 11.00 Motorcycling Grand Prix of Japan 1.00pm Ski Jumping 2.00 Athletics 3.00 Horse Box 4.00 Trax 4.30 Formula 1 Motor Racing Grand Prix 7-00 Football 8-30 Motorcycling Grand Prix of Japan 10-30 European Open Snooker 12-30am Formula 1 Motor Racing Grand Prix of Brazil

6.00am Ray Cokes 10.30 The Big Picture 11.00 European Top 20 12.30pm Club MTV 1.00 Paul King 5.00 MTV's Greatest Hits 6.00 XPO 6.30 Kristiane Backer 9.30 New Visions: World Beat 10.00 Week in Rock 10.30 Club MTV 11.00 Night Videos

#### **SCREENSPORT**

1.30am Motor Racing 3.30 US Pro Ski Tour 4.00 Football 6.00 Boxing 7.30 Drag Racing 8.30 Rugby League 10.00 Ice Hockey 12.00 Football 2.00pm Motor Racing 4.00 World Rally Championships 5.00 Argentinian Football 6.00 Rugby League 7.30 Basketball 9.00 US Pro Ski Tour 9.30 Boxing 11.00 Ice Hockey

• Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

#### RADIO 1

> FAE Stereo and MW News on the half-hour from 8.30cm until 12.30pm, then at 2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 8.30pm 8.00em Gary King 7.00 The Brung and Liz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops: Alan Freeman with the Week's Top 20 cherts from 1958, 1964 and 1979 3.00 Sympler II 1979 3.00 Scruples II presented by Simon Mayo 2.30 Phillip Schoheld 5.00 Top 40 with Bruno Brookes 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00-2.00am Bob Harris on Sunday

RADIO 2 FM Stereo and MW
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Graham Knight 7:30 Good Morning
Sunday 9.03 Melodies For You
11.00 Your Radio 2 Ali-Time
Greats 2.00pan Benhy Green
3.00 Sounds Easy 4.00 Orchestral
Contrasts 4.30 Sing Something
Simple 5.00 Charlie Chester 7.00
An Actor's Life For Me 7.30
Operetta Nights 8.30 Sunday HalfHour 9.00 Your Hundred Sest
Tunes 19.03 Songs from the
Shows 10.45 John Gough at
the Plano 11.00 Sounds of Jazz the Piano 11.00 Sounds of Jazz 1.00mm Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

5.58am News and Weather 7.00 Handel (Suite in G. "Water Music" Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood.

7.30 News
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#### RADIO 3

3.30 Rubinstein on Record (FM only) with Graham Shettield. The planest Artur Rubinstein performs Liszt (Consolation No 3 in D flat, Hungarian Rhapsody No 10 in E); Concerto grosso in G minor, Op 5 No 6. Drottningholm Baroque Ensemble under Rhapsody No 10 in E);
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& On A Land without Music? (FM only) (see Choice)

7.00 Webern Weekend (FM only): String Quartet, Op 28; Three Traditional Rhymes, Op 17; Six Bagatelies, Op 9, Das Augenicht, Op 26; Veriations for orchestra, Op 30, Five Camons on Secred teats. Op 16 Texts. Op 16
7.40 Ench Lensdorf and the Checago SO (FM only) perform Karel Huss (Music for Prague 1968); Bartok, compt Serty (Vrola Concerto); Berlioz (Harold in Rally, with Nobuko imal, wola). The last of three concerts

concerts Webern Weekend (FM only): Three Songs, Op 23, Two Songs, Op 19, Passacaglia,

8.40 Webern Weekend (FM only). John Thomley's ministree for radio, based on the composet's letter delites, points and lectures, and on the tests of otheral depositions made during the tests of others. US Army Industy and Webern's death in 1945 (r) 10.06 Thrif Ear in New York (FM only) Robert Howison (Paris a discussion in the

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RADIO 4 5.40 Snapshots from the Roof of the World: Radio Pictures of Ladekh, Parl 2: Close-Ups of the Gods. Tim Malvor orasents a picture of the remote Ladakh region in the Himalayas 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.54 Weather 6.00 News 6.15 Letter From . . . Moscow.

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Away . . . (new series); Stones with music for children, presented by Julia Mayer (s)
7.30 Bookshelt: Mary Wesley had her first novel published at the age of 70 and has since written one a year. Nigel Force talks to her about her latest book, A Sensole Life (r) Sensole Lite (r)
8.00 Punters: An opportunity for Istaners to report on ide's problems, injustices and quarks, With Susan Maring

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8.40 Reading Aloud: A Jesuit in the Tower, by John Gerard. Read by McChael Williams (5) (586 Choice)
9.00 News: Enquire Within (r) 9.15 The Natural History
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## FOR THE WOMAN WHO **JUGGLES HER LIFE**



THE NEW SHE APRIL ISSUE OUT NOW £1

Chancellor Kohl of West Ger- beyond towards EMU and many yesterday gave his even to the final goal of full powerful backing to the political union. unstoppable current" that he believed was now sweeping the European Community towards full economic and pol-

A united Germany would "accelerate, not constrain" EC integration, which he said must gather pace after the West German election in

Asked how he would react to efforts by Mrs Thatcher to slow EC moves to greater union, he replied that any such effort would fail. "I know of no one who has yet managed to block the flow of the river Rhine," he said.

It was his firmest commitment yet to keeping a united Germany firmly in the EC, and gave weight to the chorus of European leaders, opposed by Mrs Thatcher, who see a federal Europe with the EC at its heart as a natural progression from the forthcoming moves to unify the EC's economic and monetary

Herr Kohl was speaking in Brussels after meeting the 17 commissioners, some of whom have recently voiced environment and other areas. alarm at signs that Germany might be straying from its commitment to the Community by focusing so intensely on its own unification.

The Chancellor, looking reunpleasant images that have marred his recent diplomatic drive. "We do not want a over East Germany's foreign Fourth Reich, nor do we want commitments, not least its to be seen as a bull in a china shop," he remarked.

Ever mindful of conserelectorate, Herr Kohl avoided rand's call for the inter-govunion in the EC to begin earlier than December, when West Germany faces general elections. Instead, the Community must proceed "very, very quickly" up to 1991 and

He also said he expected the

forthcoming EC summit meeting in Dublin on April 28, especially convened to discuss German unification, to deliver a clear message on the future of the Community.

"Herr Kohl has forcefully confirmed his commitment to Europe", a spokesman for the Commission commented afterwards, although there were signs that the Chancellor may not intend to give Brussels quite as great a role in the negotiation of German unity as M Jacques Delors, the president of the Commission, has been campaigning for. The Chancellor promised

merely to "co-operate and communicate" regularly with the Commission as a newly united Germany becomes a de facto part of the EC. This, he hoped, would lead

to "less misinformation". Brussels maintains that German unification will impinge heavily on EC law and is offering to delay East Germany's entry into the full current of EC policy on farming. industrial competition, the

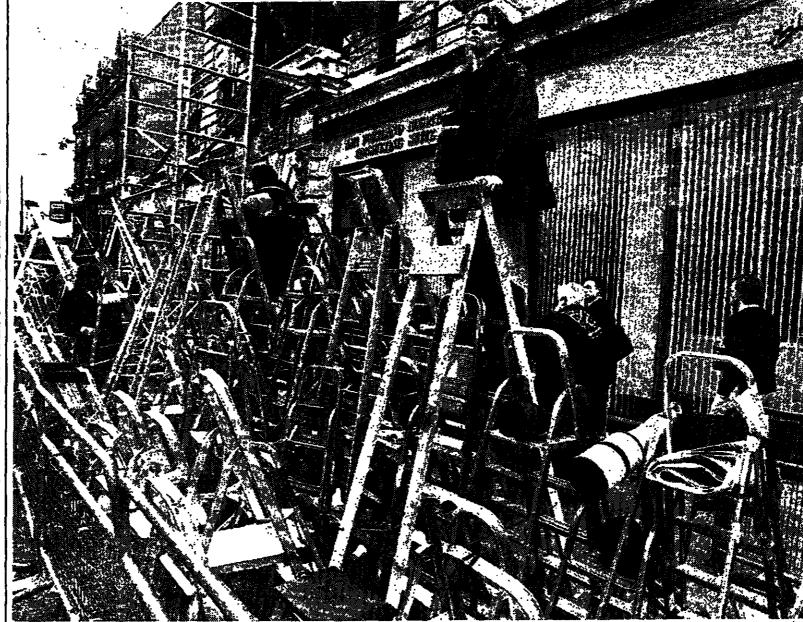
Brussels wants a considerable voice in such talks, but Chancellor Kohl, backed by his senior Commissioner in Brussels. Herr 'Martin Bangemann, insists that Gerlaxed and confident, even man unity is a sovereign took time to sweep away two matter for the Germans themselves.

There is especial concern 3,300 treaty obligations with Comecon and other countries.

In a separate move, which varive elements within his will be given added muscle by electorate, Herr Kohl avoided Chancellor Kohl's call for full backing President Mitter- political union, the Belgian Government has launched a ernmental conference on diplomatic initiative designed economic and monetary to strengthen the institutions of the Community and equip them better for their envisaged future role as a European government.

Leading article, page 11





Serried ranks of press photographers' ladders and equipment "booking" the best viewing positions when the Duchess of York was admitted to the Portland Hospital in London yesterday for

the birth of her second child (John Young writes). She arrived from Buckingham Palace at 4pm in a chauffeur-driven blue Ford Granada, accompanied by a detective, but

avoided the cameras by using a side entrance. The Duke came by road from Devonport, where his ship, the frigate HMS Campbelltown, recently

be fifth in line to the throne if it is a boy, or sixth if it is a girl, and both parents have said that they will be glad to have a companion for Princess Beatrice, who will be two in August.

## Terror group theory as mail train is robbed

From Edward Gorman Irish Affairs Correspondent

A hunt was under way on both sides of the border in Ireland yesterday for an eight-man armed gang that robbed a mail train in the Republic, holding nassengers, railway staff and two families at gunpoint.

There was immediate speculation that the robbery, which netted 83 mail bags of police officers were working group was involved, noting the precision of the operation. driver and the signalman off.

The gang wore green combat jackets and at least one of member of it had a Northern Ireland accent.

The robbery took place shortly before I I pm on Thursday, as the Dublin to Dundalk train halted at the tiny station at Gormanstown, Co Meath, unknown value, was the work about 25 miles north of Dub-

of the Provisional IRA. Irish lin. The gang, armed with sub- crew were herded into a machineguns, a rifle, a sawnon a theory that a paramilitary off shotgun, and pistols, group was involved, noting surrounded it, forcing the

> Mr Frank Magnire, the train driver, said: "A man wearing a balaclava came up to me and pointed what looked like a shotgun and said: 'Get the hell off the train'.'

Mr Macguire said: "He was demanding to know where the

In 1976, a gang stole a quarter of a million pounds rom a mail train held up at Sallins, Co Kildare.

carriage and held while the mail bags were loaded into a red Hiace van and the station master's red Ford Fiesta. The gang had earlier taken over two homes overlooking the station, holding both families, numbering eight people, and cutting telephone lines while they waited for the train.

chairman of the committee on security, said he too was disappointed with the names proposed.

Watching brief, page 8 Bear-baiting, page 10

Newsmen

ordered

to leave

hope for a compromise with Moscow. "We have faith in the commonsense and good-will of Mr Gorbachov and the

will of Mr Gorbachov and the Soviet leadership, despite the people they have to work with." he said, adding that he thought the tone of Mr Gorbachov's message "suggesting" that Professor Landsbergis takes steps, was milder than those which preceded it

Professor Landsbergis said

that in view of the expiry of that in view of the expiry of the ultimata, the parliament should "work through the night" if necessary to put a

new Government in place by

tomorrow. The ministers nominated yesterday proved in most cases to be former

communist ministers, or other

leading members of the com-

The fact that the Sajudis deputies caucus and the par-liament took 12 days of be-

hind-the-scenes haggling to come up with such a Cabinet has created a painful im-

Mr Romualdas Sikorskis,

the Finance Minister, has occupied the same post since

1957. Speaking to parliament,

he said that "staff of the

Finance Ministry is youthful

and determined to devote all

its strength to improve the situation in Lithuania."

concerned his activities under Stalinist rule in 1948, which

he admitted had included

confiscating the property of

peasants deported to Siberia.

Justice had held the same post

since the Brezhnev era. The

Minister of the Interior in past

years held office in the sec-

urity forces, although in recent

times he has established his

nationalist credentials. The new Foreign Minister, how-ever, is a Christian Democrat

without previous government

experience, or foreign lan-

guages. Mr Emmanuelis Zingaris,

chairman of the Supreme

Council Commission on For-

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# THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,250

ACROSS 1 Set or class a learner joined (6) 5 What's fallen from second sack?

9 Nightingale in the city (8)

10 Preserved, in short (6) 11 A lot of fathers in band? (3-5)

12 Bishop remaining an irritant (6) 13 Red line isn't broken (8) 15 Sharp reminder for dunderhead

17 For French, it sounds like fair quarrel (2-2) 19 Writer railways 'ad before (8)

20 Sport in which Kyoto beginner's given a grade? (6) 21 Like clubs for a Rugby player

22 Duplicate bridge call (6)

23 Boy moving to the front in these events (6-2) 24 He may be practically unable to construct it with others (8)

25 Threaten to go out in channel Solution to Puzzle No 18,244

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2 Spectator supporting cricket side is pretty girl (8)

3 Demented girl - mad Ophelia's first flower (8) 4 New development included by

poet, a person of property (9) 5 Soporific sort of partner - man who may be removed from board (8,7)

6 Search for and find watch (4-3) 7 Faistaff, for example, could be 8 The rich land endless eels and

14 Start of slump depressing Euro-pean currency (9)

15 Spot amongst others for US president on a party ticket initially (5,3) 16 Countermand superfluous order from judge (8)

17 Dim half-wits left in firm 18 Reveal record drop (8)

19 Ben, for example? Right (7)

Concise Crossword, page 48 Solution to Puzzle No 18,249 E P M I S 2 A L E G S N A S CABRIOLET

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Name/Address..

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the

By Philip Howard JUPATI

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. A measure of land c. A band of guerrillas PARANYMPH a. A brocondiy b. A dragonfly c. A mountain goddess

Answers on page 14

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The 21 passengers and two

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have wintry show ers falling as snow over the hills. Northern England will start bright with showers. The rest of England and Wales will have a cloudy start but will become brighter with isolated showers. Southern parts will, however, stay cloudy for much of the day with patchy rain but will turn brighter. It will be a windy day everywhere. Outlook: cold; showers dying out, wind easing.

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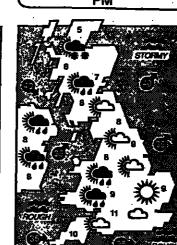
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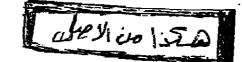
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#### Glenlivet's profits rise

Pre-tax profits of Macallan-Glenliver, the whisky distiller, rose from £3.17 million to £5,26 million in 1989 on sales 31 per cent higher at £13.4

A final dividend of 0.71p makes the total 1.06p (0.88p). Earnings per share rose more than 20 per cent to 7.41p.

#### Tokyo back

Japanese shares rebounded a little yesterday, ending a disastrous week with a 528-point recovery to 30,372. The Tokvo stock market has lost a quarter of its value in 1990.

#### Bubble bursts, page 32

#### Beauford gain

Beauford, the machine tools group, is lifting its final dividend to 3.84p, making 5.25p for the year to end-December after 4.6p last time. Pre-tax profits rose from £1.64 million to £2.96 million. Earnings per share are 18.9p (14.3p).

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## Portfolio value of £1bn is bid boost for Laing

#### By Matthew Bond

Laing Properties, lighting off a £441 million hostile bid from Pall Mall Properties, yesterday stunned the City with a far higher than expected revaluation of its international property portfolio.

Taking the bid timetable to its

limit, Laing and its financial adviser NM Rothschild waited until the last possible day to reveal the revaluation, worth 910p a

Laing's shares, which have been hovering about 20p above Pall the market took the view that the revaluation was likely to put the company out of Pall Mall's reach.

Pall Mall, a joint venture between P&O and the private company Chelsfield, will spend the weekend considering its position. Analysts were astonished by the

Mr Adam Murza at Smith New Court said: "Everybody knows that the property market is going

Mall's 650p-a-share cash bid, rose turns, and yet Laing are asking us only 10p to 683p on the news, as to accept what is, in effect, a 30 per cent increase in its underlying assets in the past 14 months."

Mr Adrian Elwood at Laing & Cruickshank was clear about the impact he thought the revaluation would have on the outcome of the bid. "I think they have knocked Pall Mall for six with this defence."

When surpluses on current development are stripped out, the defence document revaluation falls to 843p a share, still more than 20p a share higher than analysts' best

have grown by 31 per cent since 1989 and by 99 per cent since 1988, the year in which Mr Elliott Bernerd's Chelsfield started to buy

shares in the company. However, not included in the 910p a share is a further 73p of surpluses that should be available when current developments are completed.

Mr Brian Chilver, Laing chairman, was quick to counter criticism that Laing's heightened activity owed something to the

estimates. At that level, net assets arrival of Mr Bernerd on the share register.

> "We have made a tremendous number of changes to the way we operate in the last two to three ears. I took over as executive chairman in January 1988. That was when we started on our controlled expansion plans," he

The value of the company's UK portfolio increased by about 13.6 per cent to £350 million, while the Canadian one improved by 18.3 per cent. In the United States,

where the investment portfolio is far smaller, most of the growth came from surpluses on current developments. All sectors have been valued to the end of February.

Laing's total portfolio has been valued at £1.08 billion, three times what it was three years ago. Net assets work out at £571 million, giving current gearing, says Mr Chilver, of about 75 per cent.

The revaluation is accompanied by a commitment to increase dividends by 20 per cent in both 1989 and 1990.

## through one of its periodic down-**Brittan calls** on US to end bank barriers

By Peter Guilford and Neil Bennett

its banking to free international competition, Sir Leon Brittan, the EC Banking Commissioner, declared in Washington last night.

Sir Leon said the US should take note of newly-completed

Of even greater concern to laws in the EC that open up

Sir Leon was the McFadden banking to free international competition, and respond by lifting outdated laws that restrict competition between states and that could also jeopardize the free access of European banks to the US.

He warned the American Enterprise Institute that the US could expect concerted pressure from the Community. "It would be ridiculous to open up at home and not to seek the same advantages of greater competition abroad."

Sir Leon said the EC's "single passport" system, giv-ing a bank the right to sell its services anywhere in the Community, had bound a interstate policy of reciprocal interstate policy of reciprocal previously-fragmented Community together, forming the world's largest single banking market.

Sir Leon listed several laws and traditions governing US banking which, he believed, could lead to discrimination against European banks. He attacked the Americans

for dividing the commercial and investment banking sectors, and criticized the socalled Glass Steagall restrictions which prevent US banks from underwriting non-US government securities issues. He said: "These prevent the unimpeded access of Euro-

The US should open up pean universal banks to the others will limit such treaties banking to free interaction. US market." ment to neighbouring states Prudential concerns, which within their region, thereby underly the restrictions, should be settled by flexible excluding the Europeans.

Mr Charles Winter, chief regulatory structures, as was executive of the Royal Bank of now the case in Europe, not by Scotland, said he would welartificial limitations on a come any move that simplibank's business, he continued. fied US regulatory procedures. "Present regulations are a veritable morass," he said. Act, which restricts the right of In February, 1988, the bank agreed the \$440 million acbanks operating in the US to set up branches in numerous

federal states. He said its main effect was to "irritate the citizen who would like to enjoy the convenience of a retail banking

system in different states." He added that it could discriminate indirectly against foreign banks by encouraging the establishment of special reciprocity clauses between states which excluded outside

posit Insurance Corporation A recent study, he said, showed that almost 20 states, and the Federal Savings and Loans Corporation — dependincluding New York, Califoring on the bank's operations.



Most deals take at least eight months for approval. Royal's acquisition was further complicated by an acquisition that Citizens was concluding in Massachusetts. which meant it had to apply for approval there as well. The bank finally won clearance after spending hundreds of man hours, and a "substantial" amount in legal fees.

quisition of Citizens Finan-

cial, a medium-sized Rhode

Island bank. It was not until

December that it won regu-

latory approval to complete

A European bank which

wants to make an acquisition

in the US must first get ap-

proval of the state regulators

and up to three national

organizations - the Federal

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"The regulators were all very polite," said Mr Winter, "but we got into a catch-22 situation where neither would decide first without the others. I accept the need for tight regulation, but it should be through one door."



Laing's Brian Chilver, 'We have made a tremendous number of changes in the past two to three years'

## Inflation rate slows to 7.5%

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

three months.

But the fall is only a brief respite before scheduled rises attributed to a mortgage rate in mortgage rates, utility charges, excise duties and the poll tax force the annual rise in the retail price index towards double figures next month.

However temporary, the better inflation figure yesterday contributed to a calmer mood in the City after a week of extreme nervousness.

The pound gained 0.3 to end the week at 86.1 on its trade-weighted index. Central Statistical Office

dropping out of the yearly comparison. Increases between January and February included steep

of 7.5 per cent.

rises for food prices, which escalated at an annual rate of 8.6 per cent — the highest since June 1982. Seasonal food prices rose particularly strongly.

The annual slowdown was

CSO statisticians listed substantial price rises in the

cent last month after sticking 0.6 per cent last month to ity, television licences, higher at 7.7 per cent for the previous 120.2, for a year-on-year rate duty on tobacco, alcohol and before easing back. petrol. Prices for food, clothing and footwear were also expected to rise.

> increase in February last year Mr John Shepperd, senior economist at Warburg Securities, described the February RPI figures as the "lull before the storm," given the price rises ahead.

While recognizing that many of the price increases would be one-off, he foresees a longer-term threat if higher inflation puts renewed upward pressure on pay.

He expects inflation to

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Inflation slowed to 7.5 per data showed the RPI rising by months for water, gas, electric- even climbing, with a bit of

Underlying inflation, which excludes mortgage interest payments, picked up last month to an annual rate of 6.2 per cent - the highest since February 1983 - after four months at 6.1 per cent. City forecasts expect this measure to reach about 7 per cent in the months ahead.

 A rebound in US car orders last month helped to push total orders for durable goods up by 3.3 per cent after a record drop of 10.7 per cent on January. The rise was, howpipeline in the next two reach 9.5 per cent in April, ever, smaller than forecast.

### **Savings** loophole in Budget

Building society and bank investors will be able to take advantage of the scrapping of composite rate tax a year earlier than announced by Mr John Major, the Chancellor, in the Budget (Our Family Money Editor writes).

The Government planned for the Lix, which is deducted from the interest on savines and cannot be reclaimed, to be abolished on April 6 next year, but because of the way interest is paid on many savings accounts non-taxpayers will be able to take advantage of a loophole almost immediately.

Interest is taxed when it is paid to the investor, not as it accrues in the account. This will allow non-taxpayers to invest in a one-year account on April 6 and have their savings taxed on April 6, 1991, under the new regime.

Family Money, page 23 Lexterten founder urges Era shareholders to vote against board

By Gillian Bonditch

Long-suffering shareholders in Era

Group, the Beatties Models to furniture

and electrical retailing group, are being

urged to vote against boardroom plans for a management buyout of the

Lexterien reproduction furniture busi-

ness by Mr David Llewellyn, one of

Lexiciten's founders. An extraordinary meeting is scheduled for April 4.

In a letter to fellow Era shareholders

enticizing the sale of Lexterien for £1.

with associated write-offs of £3.9 mil-

lion. Mr Liewellynhints darkly at board-

resom designeements within Era and

claims to have made two separate

It has been an eventful week for Era

On Wednesday they woke up to the

news that their company was technically

unable to pay a dividend and that the

proposals for the future of Lexterien.

## Borrie hits at misleading advertising for loans

By Lindsay Cook, Family Money Editor

were criticized yesterday by Sir Gordon Borne, the Director General of Fair Trading. for exploiting people in seri-ous debt, selling loans which did not match up to their advertisements and placing misleading advertisements for low-start mortgages.

Sir Gordon, addressing the Corporation of Finance Brokers in Birmingham, also hit at firms which ignored the credit advertisement regulations, enforced last month.

He said people with serious debt problems were extremely subnerable. Their difficulties were likely to go from had to worse. "If these so-called consolidation loans are to offer a genuine hieline to people in difficulties it is deplore the extent to which essential that they know the some advertisements are not because it was not successful

accounts had been qualified by the

auditors. The £4.3 million post-tax loss

for 1989 came with the details of a

controversial El management buyout of

than 10 per cent of Era shares, says that three years ago, when Era bought

Lexterien for £10.9 million, it had had 15

"In 1987 Lexterten was making pre-

tax profits of £1.6 million. Era is now

proposing to sell the business at a loss to

shareholders of £3.9 million immediate-

ly or £14.8 million over three years," he

On December 5 last year be offered to

run Lexterien provided that "two genu-

incly independent non-executive direc-

tors were appointed to the board in an

attempt to break the control of the

existing directors on the Era board. And

a second written proposal to buy back

years of continuous profitable growth.

Mr Llewellyn, who speaks for more

of the loss-making Lexterten business.

Lenders and credit brokers full consequences and are complying — in some cases were criticized vesterday by aware of the risks involved. aware of the risks involved. Otherwise the lifeline can easily become the noose." The lenders or brokers and

the publications can be prosecuted by trading standards departments for advertisements that infringe the regulations. Sir Gordon said: "The regu-

lations are intended to give consumers a fair and comprehensive indication of the cost of credit terms being offered."

He gave a warning that advertisers of secured loans and publishers who omit the "health warning" - telling borrowers they could lose their homes if they do not keep up their payments were committing an offence. "I am bound to say that I

He also criticized attempts to dilute the impact of the warning. "I disapprove of any attempt to mix in any words which have the effect of downgrading its impact as a warning about the risks of taking a secured loan." Some advertisements for

low-start mortgages which do not make clear that payments would increase once the lowstart "honeymoon" was over were also condemned. Barclays Bank has revealed

it has abandoned its mailing to 1.1 million non-customers offering loans of up to £10,000. A spokesman said the bank had abandoned the mailshot before the Budget

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December 31. Mr Murray Gordon, the Era chairman was not available for comment, nor was he available earlier in the week to

lewellyn opposes £1 Lexterten was sent in January this year. Mr Llewellyn believes his proposal would give Era £1 million more than the management buyout which shareholders are being asked to approve and that he could stem the furniture group's and make Lexierien break even

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Neil Bennett discovers the inflexibility of banks is driving managers to seek independence

## High interest rates hit Halls Homes' profits

Halls Homes & Gardens, the USM manufacturer of conservatories and greenhouses, saw its pre-tax profits slump from £2.02 million to £281,000 last year because of high interest rates. Sales slipped from £28.7 million to £26.4 million and earnings per share slumped from 12.3p to 2.2p. But the total dividend is unchanged at 6p.

The group has undergone a reorganization which is expected to reduce the cost base by £1 million and produce income of £1.3 million. Sales in the first two months of 1990 were ahead of last year. The shares in the group feil 10p to 93p on the news.

#### First profits at Firstland

Firstland Oil & Gas, the independent oil company, has made its first profit - a pretax £74,000 in the year to is to provide technical and end-December, after a financial support to Conroy £875,000 loss in the previous Petroleum and Natural Re-18 months. Turnover was £684,000 (£1.18 million) and earnings per share were 0.41p (5.21p loss). There is Co Kilkenny. Outokumpu, no dividend. A £480,000 exceptional profit arose from selling three US oil and gas producing properties and leasehold offices in London

#### Finnish help for Conrov

The Outokumpu group of Finland, one of the world's leading base minerals group, sources of Ireland for the development of Conroy's lead/zinc Galmoy project in shareholding in Conroy since 1986, is also putting two directors on the Conrov

#### Ingham into the red

George Ingham & Co (Holdings), the Halifax worsted spinner, slid into the red in the year to end-December, with a pre-tax loss of £95,000 compared with a profit of £364,000 last year. Turnover was 9.7 per cent lower at £5.26 million. There is a 2.4p loss per share, against 11.95p earnings last time. However, the final dividend is maintained at 2p,

making an unchanged total of 3p for the year.

Mr David Courtman, the chairman, said the year's trading conditions had been the most difficult exerienced for some time. High interest rates had a major detrimental effect on the textile industry, and the group had restricted output to ensure it was not over-stocked. The company reported, however, that the current financial year had started on a more buoyant level.

#### Hong Kong firm up 33%

vices group, posted a 33 per cent rise in net profits to HK\$160 million (£12.8 million) for the year to end-December. The results were lifted by an extraordinary gain of HK\$2.56 million for 1989. Earnings per share rose 30 per cent to 27.7 cents. A final dividend of 10 cents will be paid, making a total of 15 cents for the year, unchanged from 1988.

#### GrandMet's deal cleared

Sun Hung Kai and Co, a The Department of Trade Hong Kong financial ser- and Industry will not refer to the Monopolies Commission Grand Metropolitan's sale of 220 public houses to Control Securities. Last month, GrandMet said it was selling the leased public houses to Control for £45.8 million. It has also agreed to sell its breweries to Elders IXL in return for the sale of Elders's Courage public houses to a jointly owned

# Brokers casting off their shackles

tion as chairman of James Capel, the stockbroker, is the latest in a spate of sudden exits of the great and the good from the City's largest institutions. The last month has already

seen the departures of Mr John Chiene, the deputy chairman of County NatWest, and Mr Keith Percy, the chairman of Phillips & Drew Asset Management

It is becoming increasingly clear that these are not isolated management disagree-

Instead, they are symptoms of a more general disillusionment being felt by senior brokers and corporate financiers about the pressures of working for the huge City organizations that formed in the run-up to Big Bang three years ago.

Reasons for leaving are varied: some managers disagree violently with their parent company over strategy, while others become fed up with a daily diet of administration and bureaucracy. All, however, have the same root cause - the inflexibility of large corporations in coping with the individual wishes of their senior employees.

As they leave, many of the managers are now setting up their own boutique operations, to specialize in a side of the securities industry that they think is being ignored by the larger houses. One of the most successful

is Hambro Magan, set up said: "It is the number of first-destiny." His partners include head of equities at Security three years ago by Mr Rupert class people who have not left Mr Richard Lutyens, the for-large firms that amazes me. Magan and Mr George large firms that amazes me. mer head of Merrill Lynch "There is no worse job in Magan, the former corporate Institutions diminish the infinancier at Morgan Grenfell. centive to take risks.

Last year, it advised on £4 "Some of the most able billion worth of deals, includpeople in the City are sitting in ing the acquisition by Deutsubsidiaries of banks they sche Bank of Mr Magan's have little respect for. former employer. "I would absolutely destroy

Mr John Campbell, from me to be part of an organiza-Campbell Latyens Hudson, another corporate specialist, timately influence my own

Resigned to leaving: Peter Quinnen, former chairman of James Capel, is the latest to come to a parting of the ways

David Hudson, once a senior director from Henry Ans-Heads of departments in the large securities firms owned

international equities, and Mr

by banks often find their days filled with committee meetings and paperwork.

Mr Bob Cowell, the former

stockbroking than as an administrator. He became so annoyed that he left to help form, last April, Makinson Cowell an investor relations firm that already works for 12 alpha stock

clients. One of the first men to leave

his own was Mr Staffan Gadd the former head of Samue Montagu, who left in 1987 after a row with Midland Bank over the running of the subsidRedunc

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He said: "Most banks are not wise enough to give firms their independence. Merchant

bankers are more independent

than other people." Mr Gadd set up JS Gadd, a corporate finance, stockbroking and financial public relations group, which specializes in Anglo-Scandinavian deals as befits Mr Gadd's Stockholm upbringing.

He commented: "It is fun to build up something new. It is stifling to be a subsidiary of a

However, he stressed that independence does not suit everyone. "In a large firm, you have a lot of paraphernalia around you.

Most people say they they want to go, but very few do it. If you have a disagreement, it pushes you on your way.

The emergence of the boutiques, the only term capable of describing a collection of Pacific Hoare Govett, said: such different operations, is There is no worse job in also permitted by the lower ages of the City's senior managers.

Mr Quinnen is only 44, and able to look for a new career without any pressing worries about impending retirement and pension rights.

He will no doubt, be considering his future carea leading house and start on fully this weekend.

## USSR, US seal grain deal

From Susan Ellicott, Washington

have reached a five-year agreement raising the minimum amount of US grain purchases by Moscow to one million tonnes a year.

The US hailed the accord, which takes effect on January i, as "a welcome advance in the relations between the US and the USSR". A statement by Mrs Carla Hills, the US Clayton Yeutter, the US Agri- in the early 1970s by unculture Secretary, said the expectedly buying large agreement was "a real con- amounts of grain, running

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The Soviet Union and the US tribution to both countries down US stocks. that will enlarge market opportunities for America's the new agreement as mainly

> The Soviet Union has bought grain from the US of uncertainly about Soviet since 1973 and in recent years purchasing intentions. has sought to import more to help boost meat production.

The first grain pact between the superpowers was established after the Soviet Union Trade Representative, and Mr unsettled commodity markets

Some trade experts viewed benefiting the Soviet Union but noted it followed a period

Details of the agreement, reached in Vienna on Thursday, will be published after it has been signed, probably at a meeting between presidents Mikhail Gorbachov and George Bush in June.

The Soviet Union is the largest importer of US grain.

#### Staveley rights to finance US buy

By Jeremy Andrews Staveley, the salt miner and

measuring-equipment maker, will double the size of its weighing-machinery business with the purchase of Howe Richardson, a quoted US company, for \$34.8 million. To pay for the deal and refinance some of Howe's borrowings, Staveley has launched a 1-for-4 rights issue at 150p to raise £27.4 million

17p lower to 170p. Howe Richardson has been controlled by Mr Stanley Great Hat. Tulchin, a US investor, for the past four years. While profits of Chronos Richardson, its European subsidiary, have grown by 35 per cent a year since 1987, losses at the US parent have mounted.

Howe made \$4.27 million before tax in Europe in 1989, lion in the US. Overall, Staveley is paying 24 times Howe's historic earnings and Mr Brian Kent, the chairman, said there might be some dilution of its own earnings. Staveley has acceptances for

53 per cent of Howe's equity,

but before the purchase is

completed, it is reluctant to say how it will staunch the US Mr. Kent did concede that production could be trans-

ferred from Howe's New Jer sey factory to Staveley's production centres in Minne-sota and California. Howe's European plants in Notting-ham and Cologne already export to the US.

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## Redundancy costs peg Central profit to £27m

By Martin Waller

Heavy redundancy costs limited Central Independent Television to a £490,000 profits rise in the year to end-December, despite 7 per cent growth in advertising revenue.

Central, which reported pretax profits of £27.02 million. also revealed it had decided not to buy Reeves, the US programme maker responsible for Kate and Allie, the Channel 4 comedy, because of cost. Thames Television subsequently paid £57 million for Reeves.

The group took a £4.8 million exceptional item from the loss of about 300 staff, against just £1.16 million last time, trimming employee numbers to just over 1,500.

The ITV contractor had honed to cut iobs by natural wastage. But the group was forced to pay an average of more than £20,000 in financial incentives when staff showed themselves unwilling to leave, Mr Leslie Hill, the managing director, said.

The job losses were made in time for the rise in the government levy payment that Central will have to make in 1990. This will add between £12 million and £14 million to

Mr Hill predicted: "We're on track to pay that huge additional levy payment in 1990 from the savings we have made in 1989."

Central is paying a 21p final dividend to raise the total 3p to 28.5p. Earnings per share were little changed, at 64.2p against 64.1p.

Central gained £5.44 million as an extraordinary item from the sale of its stake in and the risks were too high." Independent Television Pub-

ment and training services

group, by selling a 29,9 per

cent stake to Minerva Capital

Corporation, a private com-

Kermanshahchi, the Anglo-

The bank had been facing

the prospect of making a fall

bid since last August when an

institutional placing and an

unsuccessful rights issue left

Iranian businessman.



overpaid for Reeves, given the

disastrous effects on TVS

Entertainment, the southern

England contractor, of its own

move into the US with the

Central's 7 per cent ad-

vertising revenue rise in 1989

lower price and is paying only

50p a share, half a million

pounds less than the bank and

eration of £1.9 million need

not be paid for five years,

although Minerva can opt to

Rentaminster's shares

Rentaminster's £2.9 million

closed at 48p, valuing the

company at £5.4 million.

In addition, the consid-

the broker bad wanted.

pay it earlier.

tax, set against losses from the getting it wrong." closure of its airtime sales division. The closure followed the creation of Television Sales and Marketing Services

in a joint venture with Anglia Mr Hill said Central had looked at, and rejected, three purchase of MTM. possible US acquisitions, one

of which was Reeves. He said: "We didn't think matched the average among we could get value for money,

Back in January, the bank

and the stockbroker had

granted Minerva an option

over their entire 55 per cent

per share, the figure at which

rights issue shares had been

It was at that point that

In the event, it did. How- years.

Scandinavian Bank undertook

to bid for Rentaminster if the

priced last summer.

the placed shares and the

ed having to make a full offer the bank a final 21 days to

for Rentaminster, the employ- reduce its stake or make a bid.

pany controlled by Mr Robert stake in Rentaminster at 65p

Bank avoids Rentaminster bid

Scandinavian Bank has avoid- ago, the Stock Exchange gave per cent, has negotiated a by a property disposal. Any

Central confidence: Leslie Hill, who aims to maintain the group's market share, yesterday lisher, for £12.5 million after lower than the chances of growth of 4 per cent before inflation in the current year, but Mr Hill was more There was some concern in the City that Thames had

The first quarter would show a 5 per cent to 6 per cent fall. April looked like seeing some recovery, and a flat outturn in the second quarter would be followed, he thought, by a small increase before inflation in the second

"If it's 4 per cent, we would

shortfall from the sale is to be

The restructuring is acc-

ompanied by a shake-up in the

Out go the brothers Mr

Rodney Toogood and Mr

Neville Toogood, who

brought Rentaminster to the

In comes Mr Kermanshah-

chi as chief executive and

Vintners, who joins as finance

Third Market in 1988.

waived by the bank.

board room.

In addition, the bank has acting chairman, accompa-

offered Rentaminster a £5.65 nied by Mr Neil McGowan,

million loan facility for five former finance director of vears.

former finance director of International Distillers &

## Chancellor may still have the last laugh but not before 1992

he City professed not to like John Major's first Budget. It had willed him to don the Howe hairshirt (1981 model), not the plain monetarist mantle of his immediate predecessor, and raise taxes.

Monetary policy is easier to follow than fiscal policy and the "fine tuning" beloved of earlier Chancellors and Treasury mandarins. The objective is to bring down the rate of inflation, which is published every month. The March retail price index - 7.5 per cent
- was announced yesterday. The instrument for cutting the RPI is dear money, which slows the economy and

reduces the upward pressures on prices. Again, we can all see, and feel, monetary policy in bank and building society lending rates and the cost of

The Chancellor believes domestic activity is slowing rapidly in response to 15 per cent base rates. Many City economists think he is wrong and, therefore, regard his inflation forecasts as too optimistic - unless he raises bank base rates to 16 per cent. The dissenting view has already led to some selling of sterling, and if this were to gather momentum, base rates would have to go up. In any event, they are unlikely to come down for at least six months, though the Treasury's infla-tion forecast for the end of the year -71/2 per cent after rising this month to a peak of 9 per cent - seems to assume base rates down by a point or possibly two before the year is out.

In not going all out to crush inflation through higher taxes and a big Budget surplus, Mr Major may have shown that he is too weak for the office. On the other hand, he may be proved right and chagrined City analysts wrong. With his interesting array of tax changes and concessions, be played an adept political hand.

If he succeeds in bringing inflation to 5 per cent in a year's time, reflation and lower mortgage rates will be in the air rates and sterling. Taking its own

and Conservative prospects of winning a general election would be infinitely ighter than they are immediately after Mid-Staffordshire. Annus miserabilis followed by annus mirabi-

The City is preoccupied by four things: economic developments overseas and their reflection in interest rates and financial markets - particularly the US, Japan and West Germany, over which this country has no control; inflation and a vulnerable pound; high interest rates; survival of the Thatcher Government. The British equity market is restrained by high yields on cash and gilt-edged and the spectacle of a beleaguered and unsure Cabinet front-ing a fractious and fearful party. Both were already largely discounted in the general level of share prices before Budget and by-election. By conventional yardsticks, equities may be expensive compared with bonds, but they are not historically dear and they are historically low in relation to Wall Street. They are, however, unlikely to make an early upward move without a change in the political weather.

Any significant change would register in public opinion polls. For the Tories to get home again with an overall majority requires at least 40 per cent of the vote, maybe more. UBS Phillips & Drew has carried out a statistical exercise to test voters' sensitivity to economic conditions.

Government popularity in the polls is related to four main economic factors central economic forecasts — and making allowances for "mid-term blues" and temporary factors such as the Falklands conflict and the Westland affair - P&D concludes that the Tories cannot reach 40 per cent until the first half of 1992. This points to a late election, after the resumption of noninflationary economic growth in 1991. accompanied by lower interest rates. It would still be close.

It also suggests that unless the economy is slowed almost to a stop this year, the Chancellor "may well not be in a position to restore the Govern-ment's reputation for competence in economic management in time for the next election. The electorate may then conclude that Mr Smith offers a more palatable alternative.

The City would not like that, nor, I suspect, would a working majority of the populace. Take taxation, as it is much in our minds this week.

Sensibly, Labour leaders have been less specific than of yore in spelling out in advance what they would do. But fair guesses include a series of income tax bands, above a new basic rate of 20 per cent, to a top rate of 50 per cent; abolishing the upper earnings limit for National Insurance contributions, making the top rate of tax on earned income 59 per cent; abolishing higherrate tax relief on mortgage interest; reduced capital gains tax allowances: tighter inheritance tax rules; "bealth' and environmental taxes; and a successor to the poll tax, involving property values and payments related to the occupant's top rate of income tax.

One of the great beauties of the reformed tax system that Labour would inherit from the Thatcher years was described by Stephen Bennett at Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte's admirable Budget breakfast seminar in these simple words: "There is nowhere to shelter. The path is left wide open to heavy increases in tax rates by a new

#### Time and tide wait on Wakeham television stations and meant be very pleased. We're quite it retained its 14.4 per cent He added: "I think the market share. Some com- confident we can maintain lications, the TV Times pub- chances of getting it right are panies have forecast revenue market share," he said.

ohn Wakeham at the Department of Energy has demonstrated a decisiveness in dealing with electricity privatization that eluded his predecessor, Cecil Parkinson. He was prepared to absorb the detail of this complex industry; he removed nuclear power from the sale (it would have been a non-starter otherwise); and he has brought flexibility and intelligent pragmatism to the problems of preparing the industry for privatization. Next week he has another opportunity to add to his growing reputation.

On Wednesday, the minister will tell Desmond Pitcher, chairman of the Mersey Barrage Company, whether MBC is, or is not, or may be, after jumping through more cunningly designed bureaucratic boops, admitted to the first tranche of the Non-Fossil Fuel Obligation under the new Electricity Act. Without a place on the list the MBC, and indeed any of the 300 or so into the bosom of the state, have lost companies and consortia with projects any warm feelings they may have had for "renewable" energy, cannot sell for

electricity. In reality, therefore, Mr Wakeham can kill the Mersey barrage scheme, or propel it to the next stage, and all being well, to generating electricity by 1998-99.

The company's studies have shown that pollution-free energy from Mersey tides will prove commercially attractive over the 120-year life of the project. The barrage will have an installed capacity of 700 megawatts (about 0.65 per cent of the electricity demand in England and Wales). It is a clean as well as a renewable source of energy. The additional benefits the barrage would bring to Merseyside - 5,000 jobs during construction, recreation facilities, tourism, better road connections - help to make a strong case compelling.

That, however, is not how some officials in the Department of Energy have seen it. Old hands in the electricity division, having gathered nuclear back "minor" non-fossil schemes,

whether tidal, wind, landfill tips or hydroelectric. The flexibility of Section 32 of the Electricity Act may be used as a blocking mechanism.

The Mersey barrage is a test of John Wakeham's and his department's real interest in non-fossil generation outside

The fate of the company's application has a wider significance. In order to come under the op per kWh electricity cost ceiling, the company and its advisers, BZW, have devised an imaginative financing package to cover the scheme's £880 million capital cost. Part equity, part loans and part (£170 million) Treasury bond, it also assumes a 25 per cent write-down of plant and half the tax losses sold to various subscribers.

The package and the Treasury's attitude to it have important implications for other privately financed

may wish to encourage. It is all down to John Wakeham.

#### the bank, together with the deal did not go through. stockbróker Brewin Dolphin, with more than 50 per cent of ever. Mr Kermanshahchi, the company. Three weeks apart from buying only 29.9 of existing debt is to be repaid director.

division up

for sale Harrisons & Crosfield is selling its general trading division to further its plan to move from plantations and commodity trading into chemicals, timber, building supplies and agricultural products. The group expects proceeds of £40 million and has agreed the sale of Tan & Co in Tanwan and Harrisons & Crosfield (Malaysia).

#### Ayrshire buy

Ayrshire Metal is buying ASK McGowan, a steel stockholder, for a maximum £3.64 million. Ayrshire's pre-tax profits rose from £2.47 million to £3.5 million in 1989 on turnover of £36.8 million (£31.9 million). The total dividend rises to 7.5p (\$.25p).

#### McLaughlin up

Pre-tax profits of McLaughlin & Harrey edged ahead from £2.1 million to £2.2 million last year on turnover up from -lim P. of 12 or norlim 1.402 tion. The total dividend improves by Ip to 10p on carnings per share of 27p (31.4p).

#### Russell down

Alexander Russell saw pay-tax profits slip £6,39,000 to £2.1 million for the nine months to

## H&C puts | LBMS issues profit warning | Charter to after contracts are deferred

By Melinda Wittstock

chett Management Systems fell Sp to 133p after the specialist computer services and software group gave a warning that there would be "no material increase" in second-half profits.

The group, which had said pre-tax profits for the period would "significantly surpass" the £513,000 interims reported in December, blamed the adjustment on the deferral of £500,000 worth of software contracts to its next financial year, beginning May I.

Mr Christopher Fawcett

"One of our clients is transferring to a new IBM system and has decided to wait until firm release dates have been given for all the other software. But ours is ready," he said.

The delay means LBMS, which says trading is buoyant, will not fully benefit from the contracts in the 1990-91 financial year either - profits from training and consultancy work will not come through until

Analysts expect pre-tax profits of between £1 million and £1.2 million for the year finance director, said the delay to end-April, even though

Shares in Learmonth & Bur- was not the company's fault. LBMS's new range of software was launched too late in the financial year to provide any benefit LBMS reported pretax profits of £1.45 million in the previous year.

> The company said three December acquisitions worth £2.48 million and another £500,000 deal last month would not contribute to this year's profits, though once LBMS's rationalization programme is complete, the new operations will make a significant" contribution.

Shareholders are being told to expect a final dividend not iess than last year's 1.4p.

## sell stake in mine

By Colin Campbell Mining Correspondent

Charter Consolidated, the industrial holding company, has put up for sale its majority shareholding in Beralt Tin & Wolfram, owner of the only tungsten mine in Europe at Panasqueira, near Fundao, Portugal.

Charter says Beralt is the group's only hard-rock mine, and continued ownership does not fit its strategy.

Beralt has laboured under depressed tungsten prices for months and has been an underperforming asset. It has between £10 million and £12 million capital employed.

ter's chief executive, said yes-terday interested buyers had already "been knocking on

Charter's immediate part-

thing to say at this stage." Charter shares traded at

## O'Brien moves to Ratners

By Gillian Bowditch

Mr Gary O'Brien, deputy group finance director of Burton, is to become finance director of Ratners Group. He had been due to join Grand Metropolitan, the food and drinks group.

Mr O'Brien will replace Mr Andrew Coppel who has been with Ratners for three years.

departure was amicable and by mumal consent.

Mr Coppel's skills are geared towards making acquisitions and raising the finance for them. The group intends to slow down in this area, said Mr Ramer.

This will come as a relief to leaves at the end of the month.

Mr Gerald Ratner, chairman many in the City who have and chief executive of been worried that Ratners Ratners, said Mr Coppel's would make another large acquisition since news last month that the group had looked at the possibility of

acquiring Dixons. Ratners' annual reaults are due on April 26 and Mr Coppel will make the presentation to the City before he

## Moss resigns as JMD chief



By Jeremy Andrews

former retail design consul-tant which moved into fluffy toys and greetings cards. 1988 when his Capital and Investment Securities was reversed into the company in the hope of reviving its

Mr Keith Moss has resigned as nounced that bid talks, which chief executive of JMD, the had been in progress since October, had been formally terminated. Mr Moss will remain on

He took the helm in June JMD's board as a non-executive director and Mr Richard Beecham has been appointed chief executive. The shares were unchanged at 9p on the news, capitalizing the equity

#### Mr Jeffrey Herbert, Charour door.

ner in Beralt is Union Carbide. The Portuguese Goveroment holds a minority equity stake in Beralt's operat-

ing company.
Minorco, the cash-rich
investment group holding a 36 per cent stake in Charter, is known to want to expand its natural resources portfolio. It said: "We note Charter's announcement, but have no-

Last month JMD an-Hope for Hawke as rivals falter in Australian election battle

## Peacock fails to add up Down Under

From David Tweed, Sydney

The Australian Labor Government is today asking for a fourth consecutive term of office in an environment of recent high home loons and interest rates hovering around 17.5 per cent. inflation refuses to fall below S per

cent, net foreign debt is Aus\$118 billion (£55 billion), and Australians feel that fiving standards during the 198()s plunged. The economy is in such a parlous

state that observers thought the Liberal-National Party coalition, led by Mr Andrew Peacock, would be able to walk away when the poll was announced by the Prime Minister, Mr Hob Hawke, a month ago. But observers now feel that Mr

Peacock may not win hecause of poor

presentation of the Liberal and Nat-

total parties' Economic Action Plan,

released in October. It has many strong policies that Mr Peacock has simply failed to sell to the electorate. A leading tenet was an attack on the Government's industrial relations accerd, under which employers and unions reached consensus on wages based on productivity arrangements under the acgis of the Industrial Relations Commission.

The Economic Action Plan outlined the shift of focus for wage determination at the workplace through voluntary agreements. Added to this would be voluntary unionism, secret ballots and encouragement of employees' participation in incentive schemes.

The fear accompanying this proposal is that industrial relations would collapse into a mire of confrontation. But asked how he would restrain powerful unions from laying the

Peacock replied: "Under our system, which allows for voluntary agreement to be voluntarily agreed to, there would have to be an agreement by employer and employee, firstly to move away from the centralized system and to operate in terms of reaching voluntary agreement. It has to be acceptable to both sides. Otherwise, there is no agreement ... Mr Peacock says that Australia

must quicken the pace of economic adjustment, but refuses to adopt 2 recommendation that all industry projection be abolished by 2000. He says that Australia must have a tighter fiscal policy, but then offers voters an expensive family tax-relief package, and makes other unfunded

commitments, creating suspicion that

The rhetoric appears to be inconsis-

the budget surplus will be eroded.

tent. Mr Peacock says that he will inherit a mess from the Government but promises lower interest rates, lower taxes, lower inflation, higher productivity and no rise in unemploy-

The electorate appears not to believe that he can deliver. Mr Peacock was recently asked how

the Liberals expected to achieve their promise of "sustainable lower interest rates," He replied: "What it means is that I will be firmer in my pronouncements on the Sunday after the election, and before being sworn in, so that the market knows absolutely what our determination is to move on a co-ordinated range of economic programmes which will get interest rates down in the manner that I constantly refer to." After such an answer, the electorate is no nearer to



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New York (Renter) - The ing then eased and the issues Dow Jones industrial average firmed again. Bonds rose after was 11 points up at 2,706.72 in early trading and, in the general market, almost twice as many issues showed gains

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durable goods orders showed a recovery from a sharp drop in the previous month. The Dow fell 32 points on Thursday. S losses. • Frankfurt - The DAX in-Futures-related selling cut dex closed 13.14 points, or 0.7

per cent, higher at 1,932.12.

ing heart from impressive performances by both sterling and the equity market. Sterling led the way, clawing back some of its recent losses as it continued to draw strength from Thursday's trade figures. Traders in the futures market

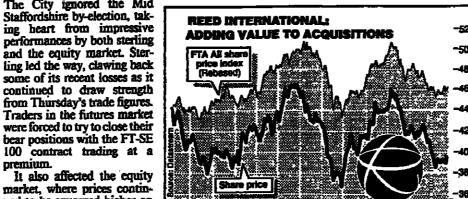
It also affected the equity market, where prices continued to be squeezed higher on the last day of the volatile twoweek Budget account. Fund managers were unwilling to open positions as the first quarter drew to a close and market-makers seemed content to maintain their positions with turnover sliding to only 330 million shares. But a firm start to trading on Wall Street ensured that prices closed near their best levels. The FT-SE 100 index was 23.8 up at 2,282.7 at 4 pm - a rise on the account of 33 points.

Government securities ended about £¼ higher at the long end in thin trading.

Among the leaders, Smith
New Court, the broker, came to the rescue of Marks and Spencer with a buy recommendation, lifting the price 3½p to 196½p. M&S upset the City this week by awarding a 26 per cent pay rise, spread over three years, to its

rose 10.8 to 1,789.9.

Hawker Siddeley rose 12p



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next week, while 710p. BZW concludes that Kleinwort Benson.

Vickers hardened 4p to 216p market fears are unfounded, after a presentation at although it is difficult to Glaxo spent another nerdegree of accuracy. Sales in the vous day before closing a current year are likely to grow further 1p firmer at 785p. The from £134 million to £217 latest trials on Zofran, its anti-vomiting drug, which is used will be influenced by reducmillion but the final outcome

Cadbury Schweppes, the soft drinks and confectionery group, was a weak market, falling 9p to 319p amid mounting speculation that it was about to take to the acquisition trail The FT index of 30 shares also again. Dealers say it wants to buy the soft drinks interests of Perrier. They estimate that Cadbury has paid out £1 billion in the past year for acquisitions and capital expenditure, and are worried that it may now be considering a rights issue.

> in cancer treatment, have proved disappointing. UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, says the shares are fully

Barclays de Zoete Wedd's long-awaited assessment of Retrovir, Wellcome's anti-Aids drug, finally landed on fund managers' desks, adding a further 7p to the shares at formed itself from a packaging

tions in the price and the dosage. Interim figures for the current year may disappoint, but BZW is forecasting growth in earnings per share of 38 per cent a year during the next three years. So it continues to rate the shares as a buy.

and paper group into a highly profitable publisher, rose 6p to 401p, celebrating the news that Kleinwort Benson, the broker, has decided to recommend the shares as a "fundamental buy" for the first time since the crash.

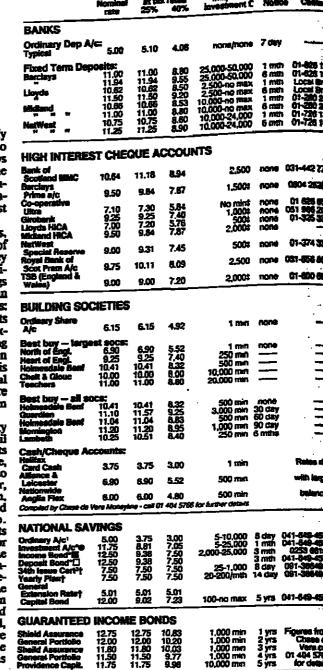
In the past couple of years, Reed has made a number of sizeable acquisitions and they are expected to make a significant contribution to earnings

Miss Bronwen Maddox, an analyst at Kleinwort, says: Reed has moved to cut costs much faster than anyone expected." She is forecasting pre-tax profits of £295 million for the year to the end of this month after an exceptional profit of £26 million. A figure of £315 million has been pencilled in for 1991.

Mountleigh, the property developer specializing in retail sites, has finally severed its the Habitat-Mothercare to Richards and BhS retailer, which its former chairman Mr Tony Clegg, wanted to bid for a few years ago. Mountleigh has sold its remaining 7 million shares, or 1.7 per cent stake, in the market-place for an undisclosed price. The Storehonse price held steady on the news at 120p. When Mountleigh first announced that it wanted to make a bid, shares in Storehouse were changing hands at about the 400p level. Mountleigh was

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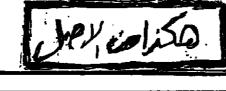
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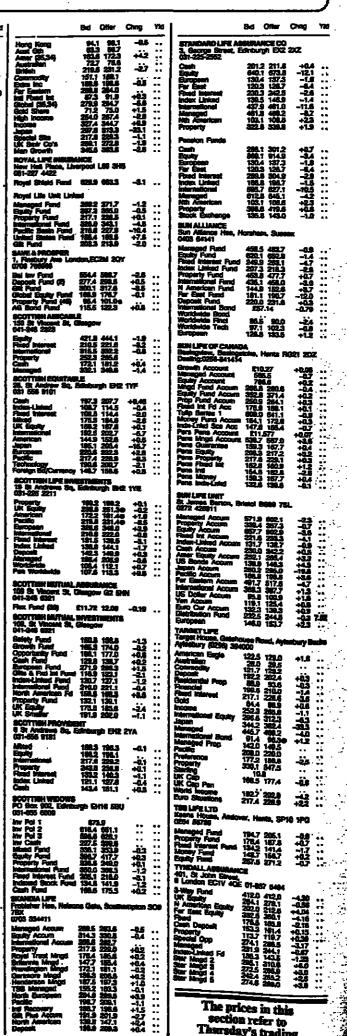
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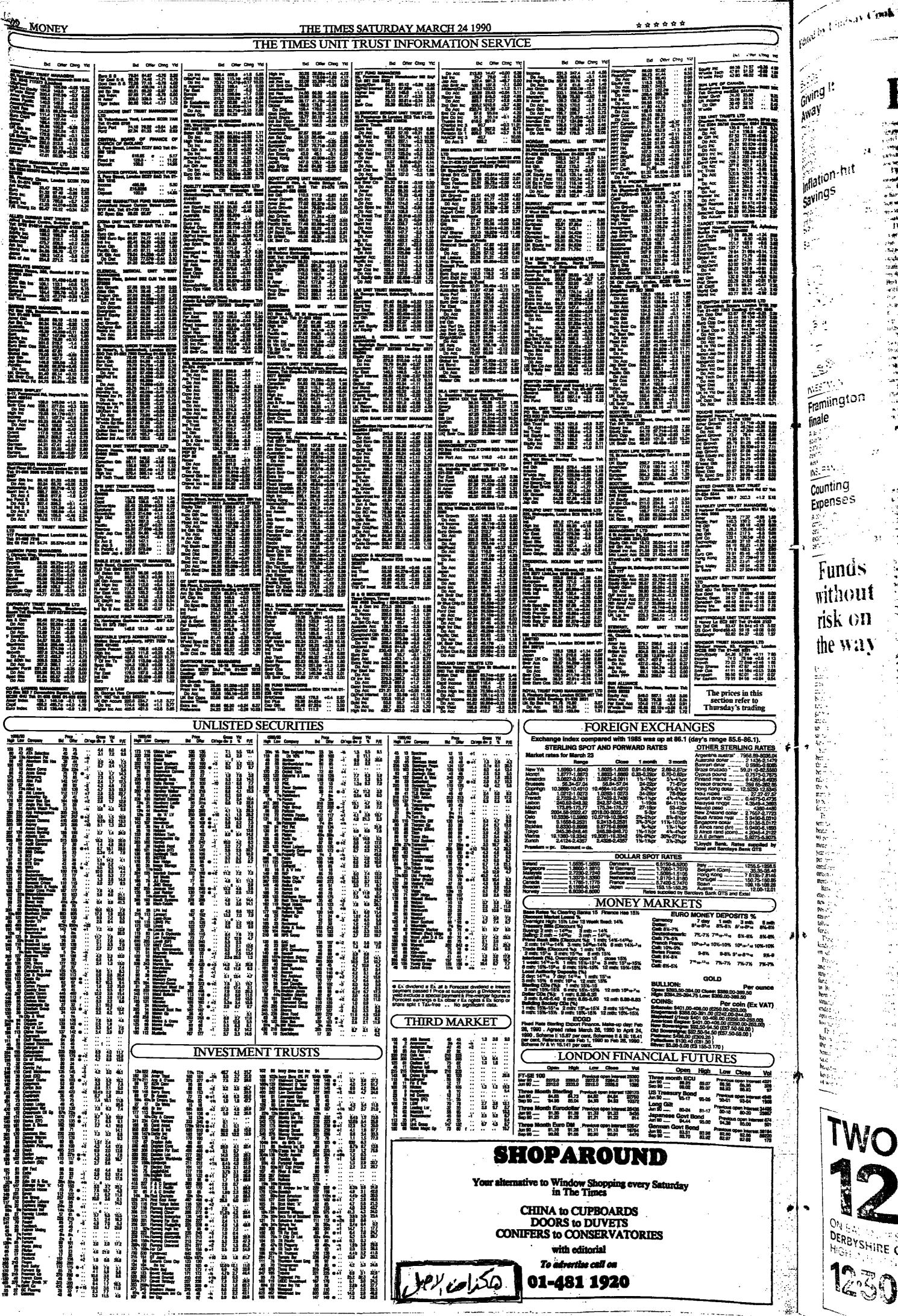
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#### Inflation-hit Savings

The current high returns are set to be further eroded

Big gains for Toy-boys



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A last ditch attempt to save two personal equity plans due to be closed next month failed this

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#### Counting **Expenses**

A look at how insurance company expenses will detail the effect of their expenses on investment performance.....

## **Funds** without risk on the way

Unit trusts which make your money grow without putting it and building society branches by the end of the year. The funds will help to bridge the gap between deposit accounts and shares, and could bring in up to £100 million in new savings each month (Jon Ashworth writes).

Such investments have only been available in Britain through offshore subsidiaries before, but a change in the rules proposed this week by the Securities and Investments Board will allow them to be sold in the High Street for the first time.

The offshore funds at present take the form of indexbeating bonds which promise 90 per cent or more back if money is locked away for a year or more. These place 90 per cent of the money in a certificate of deposit, and use options to speculate on movements in a stock market index.

Banks and building societies will be keen to keep their new products as simple\_as possible to start with. The easiest choice would be to follow the route of 90/10

These are one of three new kinds of fund which could be on sale by the autumn. Previously, tax problems

and the lack of a regulatory structure, have kept such funds from being sold widely in Britain. Now plans have been put forward for a new structure, and the Budget ended fears that futures and options funds would be taxed

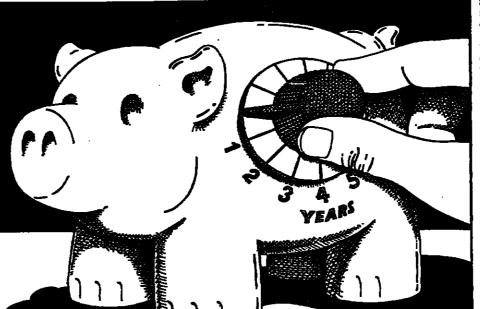
The Unit Trust Association has welcomed proposals for the new trusts. Mr Tony Smith, the chief executive. said their launch would broaden the market and help keep London at the forefront of world developments.

taxpayers will not have to wait tax paid. until April next year to escape The Abbey National Nationwide Anglia, Bradford & Bingley and Cheltenham & composite rate tax on their savings in British building This week's Budget announced the scrapping of CRT although it is likely they will on April 6 1991, but anyone launch them by April 6.

The Woolwich, Leeds Permanent, Alliance & Leisociety or bank one year term account on April 6 this year cester, Britannia and Yorkshire building societies all offer one year accounts paying The interest on such one year bonds is usually paid at interest at the end of the term, the end of the term and will as do most of the High Street therefore have basic rate tax banks. The scrapping of CRT was forced on the Government by

independent taxation. Without it, up to £5 billion a year could have been lost to build-ing societies in savings. Smallfor a year and forego any interest payments before April 6, 1991. But it could be worth afford to set up offshore subsidiaries in the Channel of the following subsidiaries in the channel of the followi Islands or Isle of Man, which can pay interest gross, faced taxpayers who can benefit takeover or merger if money from this change to the treat- had flooded out when married women receive their own personal tax allowance in April. For the first time this the savings of the 5 million will enable them to set the allowance against interest on

the Halifax, at present offers a Most of the top 10 societies While the offshore savings have set up offshore subsidinstitutions do not report the one year bond paying 12.25 per cent net of tax, which will



Lindsay Cook examines some of the implications of Major's Budget for savers

wives who will become nontaxpayers as a result of in-

While the offshore savings

idents to the Inland Revenue, building societies and banks are compelled to report the interest earned on larger

accounts. provide the Inland Revenue

receive £1,600 or more in interest. Banks have to list all who receive more than £500.

They are likely to be At present building societies brought into line at the lower 20 million savers who are level as the Inland Revenue taxpayers compared with 14 from one month.

will then have their interest paid gross. Parents will be able to do this for children.

Before then the Government will have to decide whether money saved by children, which comes orig-inally from their parents, will continue to be taxed as if it still belonged to the parents. It could become very complicated if children could only earn interest gross on money from grandparents and sources other than their parents.

The self-certification scheme is not expected by the Government to be used by all savers who qualify. It calcharged at 22 per cent of the interest earned, and replacing it with basic rate tax at 25 per cent will produce an additional £550 million revenue in

Budget day.

Escaping the perils of composite rate tax system to police the scrapping of CRT.

From April 6 next year non-taxpayers will be able to self-certificate themselves as such when they open accounts and will then have their interest.

do," said a spokeswoman. If every saver, who is a nontaxpayer, arranges to receive interest gross or claims back the basic rate tax deducted the scrapping of CRT will have a neutral effect on the amount of tax collected.

The Government will be examining cash deposits in personal equity plans over the next year and deciding whether these will continue to be subject to CRT or whether they will become subject to income tax for the first time.

The Halifax Building Society is to offer time deposits from Monday in preparation culates that the scrapping of for independent taxation. CRT, which is currently These deposits require at least These deposits require at least £50,000 to be invested for a fixed time, with no withdrawals, and are at present the only building society and bank accounts, which can pay interest gross. £50,000 would 1991-92. This figure is given terest gross. £50,000 would in the Red Book published on take a non-taxpayer over his or her personal allowance The gain is because there are when deposited for a year but they are available for periods

## Tessa's virtues queried by banks and societies

ings, building societies and retain the tax advantages. banks were less sure yesterday of the virtues of Tessa - the new Tax Exempt Special Savings Account - to be launched on January 1.

societies and banks.

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tem. This, unlike CRT, can be

reclaimed by non-taxpayers.

But to take advantage savers

will have to tie their money up

There are 14 million non-

from this change to the treat-

ment of savings without wait-ing as long as the Government

intended or transferring their

The largest building society,

They predict that the new five year accounts, which will be limited to one per adult, will attract little new money to savings but will largely involve savers transferring money from existing accounts within an institution to the new accounts.

Mr Peter Lillev,the Financial Secretary to the Treasury. said there was "no firm and certain estimate" he could give of the amount of fresh savings the accounts would attract. "The bulk of the money will be coming from uid deposits in ba building societies."

The new accounts, which tax-exempt bank or building society account, could also prove to be an administrative nightmare. It is intended that during the term, any with-

A "too good to be true" ing 40 investment scheme which twice!"

uses double tax relief to make

your money grow, may be just

The scheme, outlined in a letter from John Charcol, the

independent broker, tells how

clients can invest £33,333 at a

cost of only £12.698. It proposes to do this by combining the tax advantages of a personal pension and the Busi-

What it does not mention is

that the scheme will only work

with one personal pension -

the LAS Private Portfolio -

and that there is no guarantee

It says: "If a high rate tax payer invests a net £12,698

plus £3,200 per year for five

years in this secure invest-

ment he can expect in excess

of £59,680 in five year's time.

This equates to a compound

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After the initial euphoria transfer their Tessas from one five years costs the tax exempgreeting the Budget for sav- institution to another and tion. If someone were to make

> It will also mean that the banks and societies cannot for all four years at that stage. count on the money remaining with them for the full five years, as they had expected, even though the savers cannot withdraw it without losing the tax advantages.

Banks and building societies will be able to choose in the same organization. whether they offer an interest rate fixed at the outset or a variable rate. Most Tessas are likely to involve the latter.

take out Tessas at attractive rates." rates face being locked in as rates fall. eties will have to collect rate taxpayers. National Insurance numbers

and other details from savers Andersen, the accountant, not hold more than one. The accounts will allow up will allow adults to invest up to £3,000 to be invested in isolated and kept in cash form to £9.000 over five years in a year one and up to £1,800 in

An investment plan which

sounds too good to be true

By Jon Ashworth

To begin with, a high rate

his personal pension

taxpayer would invest £21,165

specify which one, but John Charcol said only the LAS

So far so good. The pension trustee would then invest

£20,364 in the client's per-

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£801 in charges has been taken

off the original contribution.

The client would then ap-

money invested by the pen-sion. The idea is then to invest

the loan in a BES with a

second helping of 40 per cent

that banks are under no

obligation to agree to a loan.

Mr Douglas Jones, pensions

development manager at LAS, said there was "absolutely no

guarantee" that a loan would

What is not mentioned is

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Charcol said only the Law pension is being recommended. After tax relief of 40 per cent, the net cost of the concent, the net cost of the concent, the net cost of the concent per annum would cost the client £3,200 per year."

proach his bank manager for a Financial Planning, said loan of £20,000 against the BESRES campus, which in-

Mr Jones was not aware of 45 carning £60,000 or more.

a withdrawal of capital in year four tax would then be paid

A spokesman for the Abbey National said Overall there has got to be an increase in the level of savings with the intro-duction of the Tessa but much of the money will be migrating from one account to another

"It will take some of the shine off them if savers can move their Tessa from one organization to another in This means that savers who search of the best interest

The Halifax Building Sociates fall.

Banks and building sociinitial investors to be higher

Mr Ian Luder of Arthur attract new savings. That slice of savings that can be safely will be moved. People may subsequent years up to the also get jittery if interest rates £9,000 maximum. While net start falling and the equity interest can be withdrawn market is rising. They will feel they are losing out. Peps will savers should be able to drawal of capital during the have the edge for flexibility."

letter continues: "The client

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up to an investment of £33,333. Of course you will

BESRES IV is sponsored by

Sun Life, although this is not mentioned. A second letter of

introduction stresses any BES

Mr Simon Stirzaker, a

consultant with John Charcol

vests in property for Lancaster University, had been chosen

because it guaranteed a return

of 17 per cent. He said that

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Mr Stirzaker said the letter

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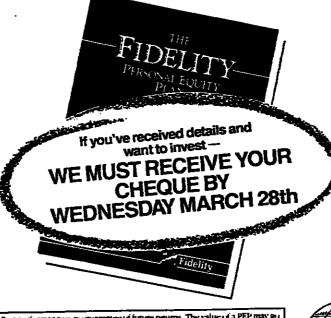
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## Sweet charity as relief lends a helping hand

hands with glee this week, after a Budget which introduced tax relief on larger single gifts and gave a boost to regular donations. They had asked for more, but were

happy with what they got. Gift Aid will be launched in October to give tax relief on single donations of between £600 and £5 million. Charities will be able to claim basic rate tax back, and donors will also he able to claim higher rate tax relief. A similar relief from Corporation Tax has been granted for companies.

Employees who make regular donations through payroll giving will now be able to donate £50 a month and receive tax relief. The limit was raised from £40 a month, but is still well short of the £100 target which had been campaigned for.
The Charities Aid Founda

tion, which distributes more than £50 million a year to charities, said the total could double with enough effort. Mr Michael Brophy, the director, said the arrival of Gift Aid would make little difference to gifts from individuals. It would be of far more use to donations from companies which are more likely to be in excess of £600. But donations made under

the scheme must be from an individual taxpayer. Worklace collections for marathon television fund raising events paid by cheque to the appeal by the organizer will not qualify for tax relief. Nor will public house land-

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and individuals would be lords be able to enhance donations of money collected from customers with the extra tax relief. Even participants in sponsored events will not be deemed to be making an individual donation, said the

More emphasis on companies in Gift Aid launch: Michael Brophy, director of operation extending Gift Aid to many was delighted with the latest Inland Revenue, Anyone who more people. More than changes. We are in favour of would like to make donations 130,000 accounts have already to several different charities been opened by companies can open an account with the and individuals. Foundation and then spread their payments through the

Save the Children Fund, Britain's largest international child care charity, warmly welcomed the changes. It said Gift Aid was a "streamlining" which would encourage companies to make larger donations. The fund raises nearly £7 million from companies.

The RSPCA, which raised

any moves that may en-courage charitable giving," the society added. The Charities Taxation Re-

form Group, which represents larger charities such as Oxfam and the RNLI, had called for VAT exemptions over a broad front. It welcomed the new proposals, but was disappointed that no relief from VAT had been granted on alterations and extensions to



Charitable covenants are a Now, tax relief will apply only BDO Binder Hamlyn, which popular way of giving to charto a working spouse or one with investment income, and relief. The Inland Revenue anyone without earnings would have to pay the difference to the Revenue.

of non-working wives. Previously, couples could ity can then claim it back from make a joint covenant as long the Revenue. Higher rate re-

A donation of £600 would

be worth £800 after tax relief,

A deed of covenant is a commitment to pay a fixed amount to charity, usually over at least four years. A taxpayer can deduct basic rate tax from payments. The char-

advises such charities as Mencap and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. has advised couples to check that covenants will be tax efficient.

The Revenue will presume any joint covenants to be made in equal shares, and would require the non-working spouse to make up the tax

as one person for tax purposes. The non-paying spouse should ask to be released by the charity in whose favour the covenant is made.

They should then enter into another covenant in the name of the taxpaying spouse'

If both spouses work, the covenant should be made by Mr Tom Mayhew, partner the one paying the higher rate in charge of BDO's charities of tax. Relief could then be unit, said: "Previously hus-

given a chequebook to make payments to charities of their Opening an account avoids the need to set up a charitable

Tax free\*investment covenants invalid for millions as one of them had an income. lief can be claimed separately.

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#### **FAMILY MONEY BUDGET '90**

Place your bets on inflation for the best possible returns, discovers Barbara Ellis

## When saving turns into a gamble

Saving is more of a multi-choice gamble than neo-pu-ritan references to thrift might

Savers have to take bets on whether the interest rates they can obtain on their money will outrun inflation - and maybe even the returns on savings vehicles hitched to the retail prices index.

Mr John Major, the Chancellor, forecast 7.25 per cent inflation by the end of the year and said that interest rates would stay high, 1

But economists are generrate, against the actual figure of 6.2 per cent. Last year's 5.5

If top savings rates continue per cent forecast became an at the present level of about 12 actual rise of 7.5 per cent.

Mr Patrick Foley, an economist with Lloyds Bank, said that to reach a forecast of 7.25 per cent, the Chancellor must be assuming a 1.5 per cent cut in the mortgage rate.

"That means the Treasury must be assuming rather low underlying inflation, which seems a bit implausible," he said. Lloyds' forecast for inflation at the end of the year is 8

Economists at James Capel,

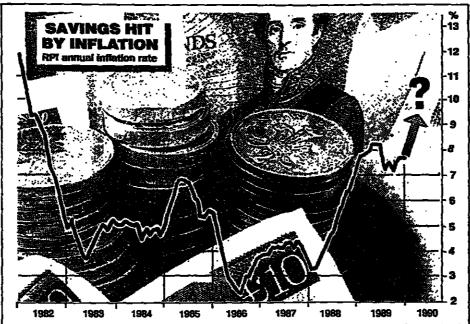
ing 9.3 per cent by August, then dropping back to just over 8 per cent by December. However, they say another 1 per cent rise in mortgage rates could add 0.5 per cent to 0.6 could push inflation very close to 10 per cent by the summer.

Looking further ahead, there will be a delayed reaction to the weakening pound. In the last year, the trade-weighted index of sterling, based on a value of 100 in 1985, has fallen by 10 per cent, ally sceptical about Budget inflation forecasts, recalling Mr
Nigel Lawson's 1988 prediction of a 4 per cent year-end
RPI in each of the next three

> per cent net of composite rate tax, savers will be 4.75 per cent ahead of the RPI as forecast by Mr Major or just 2 per cent ahead of the more pessimistic figures

> But it is possible to get a guaranteed 3 per cent to 4.04 per cent above the inflation rate paid free of tax by buying the 4th index-linked issue of National Savings certificates.

In the first year, the certificates earn 3 per cent more



guaranteed extra interest then year ago, buying four £25 rises in steps to 6 per cent by certificates, would so far show the fifth year, and certificates a return of £10.66. held for that full term average a guaranteed 4.04 per cent on

the fourth index-linked issue a so, in 31/2 years £1.8 billion

The return on £100 invested since August 1, 1986, when the a year. 4th issue was launched, cur-Savers who put £100 into rently stands at £37.20. Even

worth of certificates have been issued, compared with £454 million pulled in by nonindexed Capital Bonds in just

to a maximum of £5,000 worth of index-linked certificates each. Inflation-proofing for larger amounts is available from index-linked gilts, or government fixed interest securities.

Both capital and income are linked to the retail prices index. The stocks are free of capital gains tax but liable to

Up to £10,000 nominal value of any one gift can be bought by post via the National Savings Stock Register for commission of about £4 per £1,000, compared with the £15 to £20 minimum commission charged by stock-

Mr John Buck, a gilts specialist at James Capel says that although the indexed gilts offer protection against inflation, investors are very likely to get a better return on shortterm cash deposits over the next couple of months.

He points out that the 2 per cent Treasury Stock 1992 is almost a play on short-term inflation, offering the oppor-tunity to benefit either from continued high inflation under the Conservatives or possibly higher inflation under a Labour government. The real return on the Treasury Stock 1992 is 4.7 per cent plus

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## Making the most of the exemption on capital gains

Capital Gains Tax will be- Inland Revenue would only annual CGT exemption of of or received the proceeds. £5,000. The annual exemption, confirmed in the Budget, 1988 when pre-1982 gains

were exempted from the tax. Couples will also be able to each shelter £6,000 worth of British shares in a personal equity plan every year. From April 6 couples could jointly tion that she shave invested £32,400 in April 6 then it were peps, free of any income or of the Revenue.

avoid CGT bills by indexing gains made since March 1982 to inflation. This means that shares bought in April 1982 for £5,000 and sold this month for £12,500 would escape tax if it were the only taxable gain made during the year by an individual or couple. However, if the shares were jointly held by a couple, from next month they could be sold for £17,500 and still avoid tax.

If as part of independent taxation planning shareholdings held by one partner were ed to the other and after April 6 that partner decided to sell them, the gains would be set against the second partner's annual exemption. The

BRIEFINGS The amount which can be invested in personal equity plans will increase from

£4,800 to £6,000 next month, giving married couples the

hance of investing up to £12,000 between them. For unit and investment trust

come a largely voluntary tax look closely at the deal if it felt for couples from April 6. the original shareholder still Under independent taxation exercised control over them couples will both have an when the shares were disposed

The Inland Revenue said it would not regard a sale as has been frozen at £5,000 since under the control of the original owner if it was made after a couple discussed the market and whether the time was right to sell. But if a husband gave shares to his wife with the express instruction that she sell them on April 6 then it would fall foul

capital gains tax.

At present couples have to share one £5,000 exemption and can each invest £4,800 a taxable gains amounting to less than £20,700 pay 25 per those gains. Above this 40 per cent is charged. It for a couple to transfer assets to a basic rate paying partner.

The Inland Revenue estimates that 150,000 people will pay CGT in 1990-91, but a technical expert in the department said it had no way of assessing how much would be transferred between a husband and wife. Such gifts had to be absolute and there was always the danger that the partner might abscond once he or she had the assets.

About one third of the payers of CGT are single and a further sixth are trusts.

Lindsay Cook

## PLATINUM

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes

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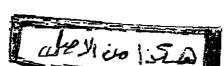
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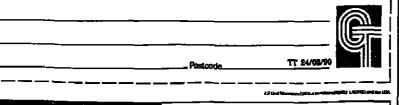
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## BES rise leaves little extra scope

Despite fears of another clampdown on the excesses of Business Expansion Schemes in the Budget, the Chancellor increased the amount that can be raised by non-assured tenancies from £500,000 to £750,000. But sponsors say this leaves them with only a little extra

Assured Tenancies can raise up to £5 million, and it had been hoped the general limit would be raised to between £1 million and £2 million to help close the gap. The limit on shipping issues remained at £5 million, even though sponsors had lobbied for more.

Analysts welcomed the increase for general issues, but said it would have been more realistic to double the limit to £1 million. It may cost up to £100,000 to launch a company under the BES, including sponsors

freed more capital for investment.

Chancery, which is sponsoring several BES issues this season, said the lower limit was restricting the growth of new businesses. Mr John Dodwell, chief executive of the corporate finance division, said few venture capital companies were willing to back issues seeking less than £2 million because of the

higher risk.
"As it stands, the Chancellor has killed-off the BES as a start-up vehicle for small businesses. We raise money for companies, sometimes through venture capital sources, and sometimes looking for the gap that venture capital is filling unsuccessfully. Below £2 million, they can see the risks too clearly."

First Stansted Assured Properties, which is sponsored by Chancery,

The offer is now closed. Airways Homes III, which is investing in property near Gatwick, raised £2.2 million in its first five days on offer. Kerrington Developments, the largest BES assured tenancy, has at-

tracted £3.6 million. It had been widely predicted that the Government would put an end to multiple clone schemes, which have allowed sponsors to launch up to 10 companies with a value of £500,000 each to get around the old

investment limit. The Budget ended one area of uncertainty by abolishing the "locality rule" for BES companies letting residential property. Companies are not allowed to purchase and let houses worth more than £125,000 in London, or £85,000 elsewhere.

If values rise because of local

improvements, the properties will still be eligible for the BES. This had previously been unclear. The move is designed to encourage investment in run-down inner city areas.

More than £370 million had been raised by assured tenancies by December 1989. It is expected to provide up to 7,000 additional rented homes. The arrival of independent taxation will double the amount couples can invest in the BES in any tax year to £80,000.

As the BES season draws to a close, most issues are struggling to reach even their minimum subscription. About £92 million has been raised, which is well down on the previous year.

One new trend this year has been a shift from BES issues to Enterprise Zone Trusts, which offer tax incentives on investment in offices

Richmount Trusts, which are backed by Johnson Fry and Richard Ellis, took in £6 million in one day this week. The trusts, which are investing in London, Manchester and the West Midlands, have attracted more than £30 million, and will close at £48 million.

Property Enterprise Managers which launched two new trusts to invest in Salford, said one was fully subscribed and the other was filling up rapidly. Property Enterprise. Trust 9 closed this week with subscriptions of £29 million, while PET 10 has taken in £6 million, A new trust, PET 11, was launched this week to invest in London's Docklands. It is seeking £13 million by April 5.

Jon Ashworth

Barbara Ellis discovers the pensioners who will win and lose from the changes

## A £16,000 rebate trap

Pensioners with far less than the new £16,000 limit in savines could still be excluded from relates on housing henefit and the community charge. or poll tax as it is known, because of the way eligibility is

Anyone with savings of more than £3,000 is assumed to be earning £1 a week on every £250 above that level.

So while someone with £3,250 is treated as earning £52 a year, or just 1.6 per cent, on their savings, a person with £16,000 is taken to be receiving £2,704 a year — an annual rate of 16.9 per cent, which is highly unrealistic for securityminded pensioners likely to be earning no more than 12 per cent on that amount of

On £6,000 worth of savings the return is assumed to be 10.4 per cent or £624 a year. At the charity Help the Aged, Ms Chris Katic, a researcher, calculated that a couple with net after-tax income of £100 a week paying rent of £40 a week would be disqualified from both housing benefit and the poll tax rebate if they had £13,000 in the bank, assuming poll tax in their area of £400.

With savings of £10,000, she said, they would qualify for £6 a week housing benefit but no poll tax rebate.

The calculation is made by adding the £100 a week net income to the notional £40 earned on £13,000 then subtracting the "applicable



minimum subsistence levels set by the Government - in this case £75.55. This leaves £64.45, 15 per cent of which comes to £9.67. As that final figure exceeds 80 per cent of the weekly poll tax bill, there is

Housing benefit is only paid against rent and Ms Katic noted that the local councils

ably large place, or at an unreasonably high rent," she

Ms Cath Johnson, a researcher with Shelter, the housing aid organization, found that the rebate system could produce apparent anomalies in real situations.

She calculated that in Oxford, where poil tax has been which administer it have set at £489 for the year, a limit on savings, pensioners lately been given greater dissingle pensioner with savings paying low rents - say becretion over these decisions: of £14,000 living on the state "Officers can say they think retirement pension of £46.90 will remain unable to get you are living in an unreason- would be eligible for £1.53 a housing benefit.

week rebate. However, a pensioner couple in the same city with savings of £16,000 would qualify for a rebate of £3.64 a week each.

Ms Johnson estimates that people living in areas where the poll tax is between £250 and £350 are unlikely to be able to qualify for a rebate. Also, even with the doubled tween £20 and £25 a week -

## Elderly gain more help in switch to independent tax

which will introduce 10 income limits for age-related

Taxpayers between the ages of 65 and 74 will have a personal allowance of £3,670. while a husband whose wife is over 75 will receive a married couple's allowance of £2,185.

The allowances will be due in full to any older person whose income is below £12,300, but each £2 of income above that will reduce them by £1 to a minimum of £3,005, for the personal allowance, and £1,720, for the married allowance.

A single person between 65 and 74 will be able to have income of £13,630 before hitting the minimum allowance, and the limit for a married woman over 75 will be £13,930.

The top income limits relate to couples where both partners are over 75. The husband would be able to receive income of £14,860 before his allowance was reduced to the minimum, while his wife could receive £14,560.

Provisions for the tax changes included a special allowance designed to prevent a sudden drop in a married man's allowances.

The men will be those who received married age al-lowance for the 1989-90 tax to fill in a 1990-91 tax return

The elderly will gain special in an older age bracket. How-transitional treatment in the shift to independent taxation, will be due only if the man's married age allowance for 1989-90 came to more than the total of his normal personal allowance for 1990-91 plus his married couple's allowance based on his wife's age for 1990-91.

Allowances were increased in line with inflation so special transitional allowances will be due only to married men who were under 65 in the 1989-90 tax year, with the maximum £3.540 where the wife is over 75. This is because for men between 65 and 74 whose wives were over 75 the married age allowance in 1989-90 would have been £5.565, whereas the personal allowance plus married couple's allowance will total £5.855.

Even if the income limit restrictions cut these men's allowances below £5,565, they will gain nothing by claiming transitional allowance, as the maximum of £3,540 is lower than the maximum normal personal allowance of £3,670 for people between 65 and 74.

People aged over 65 who expect to qualify for agerelated allowances through the changed income limits should write to their tax offices giving their National Insurance number, date of birth and details of

## Banks can offer SAYE plans by the summer

By Lindsay Cook

to be extended to banks from the summer, as a result of the conversion of the Abbey National from a building society

As a society the Abbey National was the third largest provider of the share option schemes, which allow companies to offer employees the opportunity to save to buy hares at a discount. But it

could no longer offer schemes once it had changed its status. Companies such as British Aerospace and BAA, which had offered schemes in the past through the Abbey, had to change financial institutions for any new offers they made to employees under the im-

About 30 companies had to

Save As You Earn schemes are move and the Yorkshire Building Society won about two-thirds of the contracts. Now the Abbey will be able to compete again, although it has lost its place as the third largest provider behind the Halifax Building Society and National Savings.

The schemes are a way that employees can invest to buy the shares of their company without taking any risk at all. Up to £150 a month can be

saved in an account earning interest at 7.21 per cent, which is paid as a bonus at the end of Then at the end of the

contract term the employees have the option of taking the lump sum, or using it to buy shares in their company at a price set five years earlier. This price can be dis-

counted by up to 20 per cent at If over the five years the

price falls to below the offer price investors have the op-tion of saving for another two years, at a slightly higher interest rate, or taking the

But however much the share price increases they can still be bought at the offer price.

The Abbey is to offer a SAYE share option scheme to its employees through the Yorkshire Building Society

It has yet to make an announcement about whether it will re-enter the SAYE market

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By Rodney Hobson

After the protests and demon-

strations, the reality of the

community charge is coming

home to people in England and Wales. Bills from local authorities began to drop through letter boxes this week

and the rest will be delivered

by the end of the month.

Virtually all councils have set the charge level that will take effect from April I, with

the first instalment due then

and the second on October 1.

Everyone should have reg-

istered by the end of last year.

Local authorities have been

uying to catch up with those who have not. The Depart-

ment of the Environment claims there is now almost 100

per cent registration. Failure

to register carries a £50 fine.

Local authorities will be

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## Framlington on the spot

By Jon Ashworth

Framlington, the investment group which is winding up two of its unit trust personal equity plans, admitted this week that a letter sent to investors had

But the group rejected calls for a further meeting of planholders, saying there was not enough time before the plans were closed down.

Mr Mark St Giles, chairman of Framington, told a meeting of planbolders in London on Monday that they faced "a small financial penalty" for switching out of the 1987 and 1988 unit trust peps.

An earlier letter gave the 11,800 unit holders the option of switching into Framlington's new unit trust per-sonal equity plan "free of charge.

investors were given a choice of transferring into the new Framlington Pep or accepting cash, once the trusts

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But motorists should check the cost, because some brokers charge double the

earnings as a result of the accident.



their right to switch into a plan offered by another unit trust

Mr St Giles told the Framlington unit holders that they were likely to enjoy better performance in an expanding

The Pep 87 and Pep 88 funds had a declining number for unit holders at which fund were liquidated on April 4. of units. "These funds were managers could be questioned But there was no mention of static at best and probably on investment policy. They ing unit holders.

Mr St Giles said that Framlington was receiving nothing out of the deal. He added that about 5,000 unit holders had agreed to accept the roll-over, while 500 had opted for cash.

Mr Tim Miller, a planholder and, as former managing director of Framlington, the person behind the launch of the two He added that the personal equity plans, said investors should be allowed more time to consider their options.

He urged Framlington and Mr Ron Timcke, the trustee, to reconsider the decision to wind up the trusts. Mr Miller, who is now a

director of M&G, said Pep 87 and Pep 88 had several unique features which would be lost if they were wound up. They were the only Peps

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that a broker in the Midlands was charg-

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bought from the insurer for £4. Other

although none cited its agents as culprits.

Mr Tony Holdsworth, managing director of DAS Legal Expenses, owned

One legal expenses insurer reported

brokers are charging up to £14.

declining in value at worst," included a detailed annual he added. report on companies which report on companies which were invested in, and gave investors the right to vote on matters like take-over bids.

Mr St Giles said there was

no question of investors being prejudiced by the proposals. He said the right to switch into a Pep offered by another company was "so obvious" that it had not been felt

He added that the letter to unit holders had been designed to give "a flavour," rather than swamping them with regulatory matters.

The Securities and Investments Board may refuse to allow a fund to be wound up if it feels there are any circumstances which need to be investigated. It could do so if investors were felt to be prejudiced in any way.

But once a decision to wind up a fund has been taken, the SIB is keen for it to proceed as quickly as possible. Any delay may increase costs for remain-

expenses cover at a standard rate of

about £4.50, and some brokers sell it on

for £8, some as much as £10. But £13.50

manager at the Legal Protection Group,

said: "A lot of brokers, especially bucket

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is excessive."

correct arrangements are put into effect. Council offices can make mistakes, as Lewisham ratepayers discovered when incorrect amounts were deducted from their accounts by direct debit in December. Some councils with high

charges may find a ceiling put on their spending. The DoE is playing down speculation that 20 councils will be ordered to

trim their budgets.

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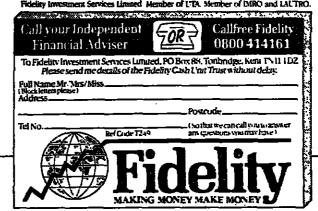
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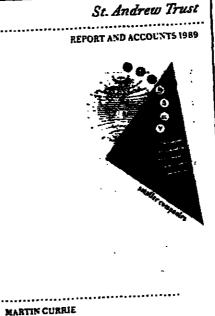
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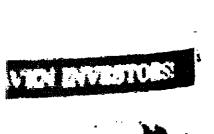
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## Fuming over fees plan

More than 10 years of confidently watching bonuses mount up on a school-fees plan ended in disappointment for a former RAF officer, who felt he had been misled when buying the plan and hundreds of other parents may be unwittingly in a similar

The officer's attempts to complain met first with onward referrals, then with a refusal of further assistance from the Financial Intermediaries Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra).

The association acknowledged he had possibly been misled, but asserted the Fimbra member concerned had not acted unprofess-

in 1978, the RAF officer, a Squadron Leader, consulted the Leeds branch of Towry Law about school fees and was advised to buy three Friends' Provident flexible savings plans, which are open-ended

"The policy can be matured earlier - at any time after 10 years - without the company imposing a surrender pen-alty," said Towry Law's leaf-let, Cutting the Cost of Private Education.

The firm's explanatory letter contained more assurances along the same lines saying: "... although you have the maturity value in each year of £2,000, from year 10 onwards you can cash the policy or ... continue the policy to roll up the investment for future years. . . . . '

Notes appended to the letter included the statement: "All "For early encashment, or part of the policy can be cashed at any time after the first 10 years for a guaranteed and bonuses are payable on the statement of the statement." "For early encashment, the surrender or early massaid there had not turity value of each policy would be £2,000 plus bonuses. The annual bonus notice from the statement of the statement of the statement. "All "For early encashment, the surrender or early massaid there had not turity value of each policy would be £2,000 plus bonuses. The annual bonus notices."

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A further note read: "Bonuses or profits are added to the value of the policy regu-larly throughout its term and once allocated cannot sub-sequently be removed."

However, when he asked Friends' Provident for surrender values for the three policies the estimate was not the £13,000 he had expected — £6,000 plus total bonuses of roughly £7,000 - but £4,116, which was less than the total premiums paid in of £4,508. Three months later, the surrender values were amen-

ded to a total of £6,397. Towry Law's managing director spelled out to the British Insurance and Investment Brokers Association (BIIBA), to which the RAF officer had complained, that the policies were flexible savings plans written to age 65:

tion to the guaranteed cash sum," he wrote.

"Surely you've been around long enough to cash in your policies?"

"The bonus notices issued expressed in terms of sum assured and bonuses attaching to date as if the policy were to be maintained to maturity at age 65. This may unfortunately give rise to the im-

pression that the same benefits are available on early encashment, but clearly this would be inequitable." The RAF officer said: "The policies were implemented without any copy of the policy

terms being supplied in advance." Among the terms of the policy was a table of "optional cash values", payable on policies surrendered after 10 years. However, the RAF officer said he relied on Towry Law's

advice, which he interpreted as meaning that after 10 years

sum plus bonus additions in early encashment in propor- Friends' Provident had appeared to support this view. showing bonuses to date and new bonuses in cash as well as by Friends' Provident are the rate of bonus on the guaranteed amount and the rate on existing bonuses.

In the detailed reply to the BIIBA. Towry Law said its original quote had been for policies to produce a total of £6,000 and that the latest surrender values from Friends' Provident produced

Still feeling aggrieved, the RAF officer wrote to Fimbra and had to wait six months for a reply, which amounted to no more than an endorsement of Towry Law's reply to BIIBA:

"It appears that you were possibly misled by the bonus notices, but we do not feel that the member has acted unprofessionally," wrote Mr Graham James, complaints executive. Friends' Provident said there had not been a significant number of complaints about misunderstand-

## BR ready for on the spot fines

In an effort to reduce the pressure on overworked local courts, passengers on British Rail and London Transport trains and buses could soon be fined on the spot for travelling without a ticket.

The fines should discourage fare evasion but would also apply to people who race into a station at the last minute and leap straight on to a train intending to pay at the other end.

The British Railways Penalty Fares Bill, which received Royal Assent in November, will allow inspectors to order ticketless passengers to pay £10 or the single fare to the next stop, whichever is higher. The passenger will then have to

disembark at the next stop and book to his destination.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, The Transport Secretary, has to authorize the scheme for every line individually and so far British Rail has not requested any authorizations. However, British Rail is concentrating at the outset on London suburban routes. "They are the ones with problems," said a British Rail spokesman. London Regional Transport's Bill to impose similar penalties is now before Parliament

This legislation is asking for £10 penalties on ticketless travellers on underground trains and £5 penalties on

those without tickets on the Docklands Light Railway and London buses.

The watchdog London Regional Passengers' Committee has given its scal of approval on the moves by both of the authorities, with the proviso that stations must display warnings that wouldbe passengers must not travel without a

The committee believes the proposed penalties will reduce the need to prosecute fare-dodgers. Passengers would scape the penalties if there was no way of buying a ticket at the departure station. And both authorities will retain the right to prosecute for fare evasion.



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The following terms and conditions relate to the Henderson Personal Equity Plan ("PEP"). These, rogether with the application form when completed and accepted by the Plan Manager will constitute a legally binding agreement between the Plan Manager and yourself as the investor ("the Agreement") which will come into force on acceptance by the Plan Manager unless the offer by the investor to enter muo the Plan is withdrawn within 7 days of its receipt by the Plan Manager. Any such offer cannot be accepted by the Plan Manager until 7 days after the date on which the

offer is received by the Plan Manager.

Ar all times reference to the "Plan Manager" shall mean Henderson Financial Management Limited ("Henderson"), which is a member of the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation Limited ("IMRO") and is as such regulated by DMRO in the conduct of investment business and the regulations referred to are the Personal Equity Plan Regulations (1989).

n PEP ("the Plan") comprises a discretionary management agreement conferring on the Plan Manager, as agent for the investor, full discretionary power to invest the mornes held within the Plan in accordance with the investment objective invest the moruse held within the Plan in accommone with the investment cojective selected on the application form and set out in this brochure and full discretionary power to vary such investments subject always to the requirements of the Infand Revenue. During the five days subsequent to 5th April in each year no investment transactions will take place to allow time for the production of fiscal year end reports. There is no restriction on the amount that may be invested in shares in any one United Kingdom listed company.

Investment in a Henderson PEP may only be made by a subscription in each in

creatiance with these terms and conditions and the application form accordance with these terms and conditions and or application form.

Any instructions concerning withdrawals from a Plan must be made to the Plan Manager in writing at the address set our in the application form or such other address as may be notified and the Plan Manager will acknowledge such instructions in writing sens to the investor's address as mortied by him. The Plan Manager shall rith the investor's written instructions within a reasonable time, except enmon of any law, rule or regulation.

The Plan Manager has opened a client account with The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("the Bankers") with the cide "Henderson Financial Management Linuard PEPs Client Account" ("the Client Account"). Money held by the Plan Manager on behalf of the investor will be credited to the Client Account or to such other client behalf of the investor will be credited to the Client Account or to such other client accounts or accounts as the Plan Manager may maintain from time to time in accordance with Chapter VI of The Financial Services (Clients Money) Regulations 1967. As investor's money will be held in client accounts together with money, belonging to other chems, the Client Account will be credited or debited with all sums arising from changes in investments, will be credited with rest interest, dividends and tax credits received or collected by the Plan Manager in respect of the Plan and may be debated with all fees, commissions and charges.

All securious or documents of title relating thereto will be vested and registered in the name of "Henderson Nommees Limited, account PEPs Chems" with the investor remaining beneficial ownership. Certificates will be held by the Plan Manager

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The Plan Manager shall not be entitled to lend to a third party any investor. The Plan Manager shall not be entitled to lend to a third party any investment of other property belonging to the unvestor, nor shall it be entitled to bornow on the investor's behalf whether against such investment or other property, or generally, nor shall it have power to commit him to a contract the performance of which may require him to supplement the such under management. The Plan Manager shall arrend to the tertilement of all transactions undertaken the tertilement of all transactions undertaken to the tertilement of the tertilement of

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on and net interest on bank deposits will be retained within the Plan on behalf of the investor and credited to the Client Account and may be removested by the Plan Manager within the limits laid down by

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The charges payable to the Plan Manages will comprise (1) an mirral management charge equal to 5% (plus VAT) which will be payable at the case of the subscription and may be deducted from the amount of the subscription; (ii) a management charge payable half-yearly in ameans of 1.5% p.a. (plus VAT) on the value of the Plan, which amount may be deducted from the assets included in the Plan; (iii) a charge of 0.25% on all purchases and sales of shares effected for the Plan other

than purchases and sales of units in Henderson unit trusts; (iv) a withdrawal charge of £10 (plus VAT), which will be deducted from the assets of the Plan, for each wal from the Plan; (v) a charge of 1% on all sales and purchases of sh withdrawal from the Flam; (v) a charge of 1% on all sales and purchases of shares where changes to investment objectives are made; and (vi) a charge of £10 (plus VAT) each time (a) reports and accounts of a company are forwarded; (b) other company information is forwarded; (c) a letter of suthority to attend and vote at a general meeting is issued; (d) a form of proxy is lodged; these charges may be deducted from the assets of the Plan. Commissions may also be payable to stockbrokers or other agents through whom purchases and sales are made by the Plan Manager and such commission will be deducted from the assets of the Plan together

with all other purchase, sale and dealing costs.

Where investment is made in Henderson unit Where investment is made in Henderson unit must an initial charge, currently not exceeding 5.25%, is reflected in the offer price of such units which charge is payable to Henderson Unit Trust Management Limited, a Related Company; this charge will however be discounted on purchases of units for the Henderson PEP; a perodic on unit musts an initial charge, currently not change of between 0.5% and 1.5% with power to receive up to 2% of the value of the net assets of the Henderson unit trust will normally be payable to Henderson Unit Trust Management Limited out of the assets of the relevant scheme. To the extent that the Plan Manager receives any commission or other returnations from any other person in connection with share transactions effected by the Plan Manager on

behalf of the investor, the amount of the half-yearly manager.
Manager will be reduced accordingly. The Plan Manager reserves the night to change the amount, rate or basis of charges

ens of the Plan Manager may be terminated at any time by either party ing written notice to the other to that effect, such termination to be effect the case of nonce to the Plan Manager, only upon actual receipt of such notice. The Plan Manager will on such termination and if requested by the anvestor transfer the Plan to another plan manager.

Termination in accordance with this paragraph shall be without prejudice to the remained in accountant with the paragraph man be sure to the serilement of any transactions already intrusted. On termination, the Plan Manager will promptly account to the investor for all securities and cash held and direct the Bankers to do so, save that it shall be entitled to retain such securines and cash as may be required to settle transactions already mittated. The investor shall pay to the Plan Manager its fees up to the date of

While the Plan Manager will use all reasonable care and skill in managing the Plan it While the Fran Manager will use an respect of stry negligence, wilful default or fraud commerced by it, any Related Company to which it has delegated any of its functions, any of its employees or the employees of any such Related Company or its nominee company or breach of these terms and conditions. The Plan Manager will not be liable in relation to any default or fraud by the Bankers or by any other person.

The investor authorises the Plan Manager to disclose to the Inland Revenue all such The investor undertakes to indemnify the Plan Manager against all costs, expenses, demands and losses which the Plan Manager may thour in the lawful and proper

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(a) the Plan Manager or a Related Company or any Associate have a material interest in the transaction or the circumstances are such that a conflict of duty arises; (b) the relevant securities are securities in which the Plan Manager or a Related Company or any Associate have underwritten an usue within a period of twelve months before the date of the transaction;

(c) the Plan Manager is dealing as agent for the investor and also as an agent for the

(c) the Plan Manager is dealing as agent for the investor and also as an agent for the

counterparty which may be an Associate;
(d) the Flan Manager is dealing collectively as agent for the investor and for another customer or customers or for a Related Company or an Associate;
(e) the prices of relevant accurates may be being stabilised.

s should note that if pursuant to (d) above, the Plan Manager aggregates an order for the account of an investor with orders for the account of other clients, a more or a less favourable price imply be obtained than if the order had been executed

The Plan Manager may effect transactions for the investor with or through the agency of a person who provides services under any arrangement falling within IMRO Rule 6.01 of Chapter IV but such transactions will be effected in accordance with the IMRO Rule of Pest Execution disterrating any benefit which might enure

directly or indirectly to the investor from the services or benefit provided under any such arrangement. Material interests or conflicts of duty may some in the consumatances described in paragraph (b), (c) or (d) above or because:

(a) the Plam Manager or a Related Company provide discretionary portfolio management or investment advisory services to another client or clients with interest in the advisory services to another client or clients with interest

in the relevant investments;

(b) a director, officer or employee of the Plan Manager or a Related Company is a director of or otherwise interested in any company whose accusities are dealt in on (c) the transaction may be in securities where the issuer is an Associate

tes to a Henderson unit trust.

The Plan Manager and each Related Company and any Associate shall be entitled to retain for its own account, and there shall be no lightliny to account to an investor for or disclose to an investor, any benefits accruing where the Plan Manager or any such person has a material or other interest in a transaction effected or arranged for an

The Plan Manager will ensure that if the investor so elects, the investor shall receive The Fight Manager will ensure that it the investor so elects, the investor stall receive the annual report and accounts usued by every company or unit trust which forms part of the Plan when such reports are published. If the investor so elects, the Plan Manager will arrange for investors to exercise the normal shareholder or unitholder rights in respect of arrending shareholder or unitholder meetings and receiving other information issued to the shareholders or unitholders. A charge will be levied for this

service.

The Plan Manager shall notify the investor if, by reason of any failure to satisfy any provision in the Inland Revenue regulations, the Plan has or will become void for tex

purposes.

The Plan Manager may delegate any of its functions, powers, discretions, privileges and duties under the terms of its appointment to the Related Company and may provide unformation about the investor and the Plan to any such Related Company but the liability of the Plan Manager for all matters so delegated shall not be affected thereby. The Plan Manager may also employ other agents to perform, or advise in relation to the performance by it of any of the services required to be performed or relation to the performance by it or any or the neutrinos to provided by it under the terms of this Agreement.

Neither the Plan Manager nor any Related Company shall have any duty to disclose to the investor any fact, matter or thing which comes to tips notice, or the notice of

to the investor any fact, matter or thing which comes to its notice, or the notice of any such Related Company or any employee director or agent of it or any such Related Company in the course of carrying on any other business or as a result of or in connection with services which are provided to other persons.

The Plan Manager shall be entitled at its discretion to disclose any information

known to it relating to the investor's business or affairs to the Securities and investment Board or to IMRO on the terms that the information so disclosed shall not without its cursent be further disclosed otherwise than is permissed in respect of Restricted Information under the provision of Part VIII of the Francial Services In the event of any fathere, interruption or delay in performance of its obliga-

resulting from breakdown, failure or malfunction of any telecommunications or computer services or system or from any other event or circumstance whatsoever hot essonably within its control, the Plan Manager shall not be liable or have any esponsibility of any kind for any loss or damage thereby incorred or suffered by the nificance about the services of the Plan Manager should be made to

Complaints of significance about the Services of the Fram pressures a successive the Complaints Officer for Henderson PEPs. The complaints procedure of the Flam Manager requires that if a complaint has not been cleared within forty two days it must be brought by the relevant Complaints Officer to the attention of the Complainte Manager transcribed within the advise IMRO accordingly; and that in responding to the investor's completing, the investor maps be advised that he has the right to complain directly to a referee appointed by IMRO; the investor map has has direct right of complaint to IMRO; a statement as to the comp direct right of complaint to MRC; a statement as to the compensation rights of an investor in the event of the Plan Manager being unable to meet any liabilities to an investor is available from the Plan Manager at the address shown in this brochuse. In these terms and conditions the phrase "libRC Rules" means IMRC's Conduct of Business Rules and the phrase "Henderson usar trustor" means any authorised unit trust which is managed by Henderson Unit Trust Management Limited or a Related Company. Words and phrases used herein with initial capitals are as defined in the IMRO Rules and shall bear the same meanings as for the purposes of the IMRO Rules.

These terms and conditions represent the entire terms on which the Plan is pro-I here terms and conditions represent the entire terms on which the Plan is provided and no alteration or addition will have effect unless agreed between the Plan Manager and the investor in writing. No person has been authorised to give any representation on behalf of the Plan Manager as regards the Plan other than those secout us this brochure and these terms and conditions, and any such representation given must not be relied upon.

These terms and conditions are governed by and are consumed in accordance with English law and the parties hereto submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts in respect of any dispute hereunder.

#### How Do I Proceed?

- a withdrawal form should you decide to cancel your PEP

#### **NOTES FOR GUIDANCE**

- Please complete the application form with your full names and address (please note that PEPs cannot be held jointly).
- 2 The relephone number will only be used for admi-
- 3 Your national insurance number is a gov mot process your application without it. You should be able to find this
- 4 Please fill in your date of birth.
- 5 Please fill in your tax district and reference.
- 6 If you wish to receive report and accounts for the companies in which you are invested or to attend meetings please complete this section. Please note there will be a charge of £10 + VAT each and every time you use one.
- 7 Please insert the fiscal year your plan is to commence, le 1989/90 up to

A new plan may be taken out each year. To save you reapplying, this application will relate to the corrent year and succeeding fiscal years when subscriptions will ordinarily be payable on 15th April. If you wish to continue subscriptions for an unlimited number of years leave the box.

m benefit of the amount which can be invested you can add the initial PEP charges (+ VAT) to the investment, for example

Minister/stadesen amounts	Amount of lovestment	+Charges	Total amount payable
Monthly Savings Plan	£100	£5.75	£105.75
Proximal Saverage Lieu	£400	£23.00	£423.00
v 6 W	£2,000	£115.00	£2,115.00
Lump Sem Plan	\$4,800	£276-00	£5,076.00

9 Please indicate your preferred method of payment. Cheques should be

10 Please read the declaration and sign the completed application form and return it to PEPs Department, Henderson Financial & 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA.

#### NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

Henderson European PEP. To: PEPs Department

London EC2M 2PA I hereby give notice that I have decided not to proceed with the Henderson European Personal Equity Plan. I require the return of any money paid to you or

Signature		 <del></del>	· ——	Date	 	· —	
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Should you need any further assistance with the comp your application form, please telephone our Melphine

01 826 4268

#### APPLICATION FORM

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7. Fiscal year plan to commence 19 years or monthly for To continue annually for £

9. Method of payment Direct debit Cheque 10. Please read and sign the declaration below

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#### DECLARATION

wish to subscribe to a Henderson European Personal Equity Plan under the ersonal Equity Plan Regulations (1989). I certify that I am aged 18 or over, and that, for the Plan year(s) specified, I am

resident and ordinarily resident in the UK for tax purposes, or non resident but performing duties which are treated by virtue of ICTA 1988 Section 132(4)(a)

I further declare that I have not subscribed to, and will not apply for, any other Personal Equity Plan for the same year(s) that I subscribe to this plan. l authorise Henderson to hold all cash subscriptions, Plan investments vidends, interest and any other rights or proceeds in respect of those

investments and any other cash and to make any claims to relief from tax in

espect of Plan investments on my behalf. l authorise that on my written request Henderson will transfer or pay to me, as the case may be, Plan investments, interest, dividends, rights or other proceeds in respect of such investments or any other cash.

I undertake to notify the Plan Manager promptly of any changes to these

I acknowledge that the tetus and conditions of the Henderson European Personal Equity Plan shall apply to this Plan. I bereby airthorise Henderson as Plan Manager to manage my Personal Equity Plan on a discretionary basis.

Authorised person's star SRO Number

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THE INVESTMENT MANAGERS

Henderson Financial Management Limited - Member of IMRO.

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contribution with-profits plans slaves that if you'd chosen our 20 year plan and had retired aged 65 on 1st April 1989 your fund would have been worth over 48% more than it would have been with the worst performer.

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Before you look to your future, look to our past.

## **FAMILY MONEY**

## Discount disadvantage

**Barbara** Ellis finds

some club cards that

are supposed to cut

travel bills could

actually cost more

Travel clubs offering 20 per cent discounts on car hire can sometimes give unwary members an opportunity to pay more than the public, a reader discovered recently.

In New York, an Avis office quoted him \$292 for several days rental of a car, but when he produced a card from the International Airline Pas-sengers Association and asked for the discount, the quote rose to \$306.

The Avis clerk explained this was because the IAPA 15 per cent discount was allowed against a base rate of \$360 ~ the \$292 rate was already

Back home in England, the reader found that his discount card could secure an even Hertz in Bristol quoted

£262\_50 for a week's rental of a investigation. class "F" automatic. But it quoted £568.40 for the same rental, allowing a 20 per cent discount from £710.50, the rate applicable for IAPA.



Paying more with a travel club card? Hertz will automatically give a driver the lower rate

dozens of groups advertising memberships with the promise that cardholders will be able to obtain car hire more cheaply than a non-member, he said.

He lodged a formal complaint with the Advertising Standards Authority three months ago and is still waiting for the results of its that each rental company

"This is what I call the typical retail problem," said Mr Dennis Hannon of IAPA, who recalled that the organiza-

"I am sure there are literally tion had replied to the ASA explaining that its services are aimed at business travellers applicable around the world rather than tourists. are set out in a directory given

IAPA's mailings to prospective members mention savings of "up to 20 per cent" leading

On joining members re-ceive a handbook explaining offers savings of between 20 per cent and 25 per cent, based either on time and mileage rates, on published rates with mileage included or on non-

published rates negotiated by IAPA. The different bases

to members. Mr Hannon said the Avis New York rate had been based on 15 per cent discount from the group's "easy corporate

could have got the car even

That man was silly - he more cheaply by booking be-fore he went," he said, adding that this option is not usually

of weeks as tourists do.

He added that with 150,000 members, IAPA tries to send mailshots only to business people, but offers any dissatisfied members their money back.

"We had a load of nuns join once, but it wasn't really for them," he said.

A Wexas Travel Club spokesman said the car rental discounts it advertises are based on time and mileage. Thus a discounted rate might be more expensive than a weekly or other special rate available also to non-

However, Mr Tim Harford. director of product quality Hertz, says there is no danger of club members being charged more than non-

He said that any club member who asks for a discount when a non-discounted tariff. costs less will automatically be given the lower rate.

Confusion arises because the member then thinks they have not had the discount, said Mr Harford.

"True the discount is not always valuable in all circumstances but the customer is still enjoying preferential open to business travellers, who tend to travel at short

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## TAXHAVEN-TAX FREE GROWTH FROM UK SHARES

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■ The arrival of independent taxation has led British Gas to issue a new share transfer form that may help its shareholders to save money. From April 6, husbands and wives will be taxed separately, and transferring assets such as shares to the lower carner could cut the tax bill. British Gas has printed a simple transfer form to help any investors who wish to do so. Telephone 01-834 2000.

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a high income on investment of£1,000 or more. The annual management fee is 0.5 per cent, and there are no frontend charges or bid/offer spread. Cash trusts are useful for non-taxpayers who prefer to have income paid gross. The quality of service from life and pensions companies is getting better, but has a long

way to go, according to a new

survey. The top 10 companies. in terms of service include M&G, Clerical Medical, and Prolific. Comments about the worst offenders ranged from poor" to "abysmal". The survey was carried out by the Alexander Consulting Group. ■ Henderson Financial Management has teamed up with an independent intermediary to launch a personal equity plan to invest exclusively in the shares of Lonrho. The Lonrho Pep, developed in conjunction with FE Wright. has an initial charge of 1.75 per cent and an annualmanagement charge of 1.25 per cent. Withdrawals can be made, subject to a £10 fee.

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## Charging rates revealed

Sweeping changes in the way life companies illustrate the effect of charges on investment performance will come into effect from July 1. The new method, which will show the effect of charges as a yield, should make it much easier for the layman to compare the cost of one plan aeainst another.

Life policies with a savings element, such as "unit linked" or "with profits" plans, often contain notoriously complex charges. Many unit-linked plans, for example, contain "capital" or "initial" units. These bear an additional charge of 3.5 per cent to 7 per cent a year on the first one or two years' premiums and many people mistakenly bethat this extra charge stops after that. In fact this extra charge applies to the growth of the units throughout the duration of the policy and can have a serious effect on early surrender values.

The final payout on a life policy is affected by two main factors: the growth achieved by the underlying investments and the charges levied by the life company. The growth is by far the most important of the two; an excellent fund performance will easily compensate for the charges. However, if the charges are high, and the fund performance poor, the consumer will end

up with a raw deal.



policy will, from 1 July, be applies standard charges to the given a set of product particulars before he or she decides to buy. The product particulars will be sent to him or her by the life company (or friendly society) and will contain the new basis of comparing charges.

Illustrations expressed in monetary amounts are banned unless the life office calculates them on a standard basis. This basis is that life policy investments will grow means that the underlying at 7 per cent and 10 per cent a investments will grow at 5.5 year throughout the term of percent a year instead of 7 per

insurance cover because this is part of the benefits of the Despite the simplicity of the new regime, however, it will

be up to consumers and their advisers to make comparisons between the life companies to ensure a fair deal.

The Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro), which requires the change will not publish league tables on charges. Instead, it will be sure that consumers are kept informed.

It is essential to make these comparisons since some life companies have much higher charges than others. If you are in any doubt, you should consult an independent financial adviser who will make the comparisons for you and advise you on the best plan to meet your requirements.

It is also important to remember that many life policies contain much larger levels of life assurance for the same sons meaningful, the life of-fices will show the effect of their individual charging premium, but correspond-ingly lower levels of investment

Taking the 10-year term, if there were no charges whatsoever, a £30 per month premium would, at 7 per cent a year grow to a projected maturity value of £5,161. The lowest charging company, London Life, would deduct Everyone considering a life the policy. The life office then cent. The charges allowed for 1.23 per cent a year in charges; Management

in the calculation will not the average charging policy include the cost of any life would deduct 3.2 per cent a year and the highest charging would deduct 5.2 per cent a

> Both these plans contain a guaranteed minimum level of life cover of £2,700 throughout the 10 years which is included in the reduction in yield figures.

Over the 25-year term, if there were no charges, the £30 per month would grow to £23,624. The lowest charging charges. Instead, it will be policy, again that of London relying on the press to make Life, would deduct 0.78 per cent a year in charges, and the average policy 1.7 per cent a year. The highest charging plan, that of Eagle Star, would deduct 2.98 per cent a year in

> However, the Eagle Star plan carries a huge amount of guaranteed life cover throughout the term of £22,311. This compares to just £2,700 of guaranteed life cover under the London Life plan. Because the guarantees are so low, London Life can keep its charges down to the min-

> imum. It is up to the individual, therefore, to decide what ele-ment of cover and what element of savings he wants to pay for in his premiums. Obviously the cost of life cover increases the charges under the plan.

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## Sea-shell from far-off shore

From Mrs Norah Kite Sir, I have in my possession a of it please. fossilized sea-shell. It was picked up by my late husband Mrs Norah Kite, in the Australian desert 59 High Street.

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any appreciable value. May I suggest that you first approach a museum and see one of their resident exable to help you. If they do not have an expert in this field they should be able to refer

If the fossil does have some value, then the expert may well be able to advise you as to the best way of disposing of it so as to realize that value.

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## Leasing arrangements

From Mrs B R Walsh Sir. His Honour B Clapham (Business Letters, February 10) must know that a signed authority to inspect the land register has first to be obtained from the freeholder. A prospective tenant would, I feel, considerably lessen his MRS BR WALSH.

chances of being granted a lease should he make such a request. Perhaps permission to inspect title should be made an obligatory part of all leasing arrangements as it is with purchase of property. Yours faithfully,

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the Midland Bank? Yours faithfully, S.A. JORDAN. 21 Willow Drive,

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For once the Japanese stock market is suffering from a crisis of its

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n Japan, they still cannot quite decide which is more breathtaking: the collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe or the collapse of the stock market in Tokyo.

Six months ago the odds may have been longer on the dramatic fall of Tokyo's Nikkei index than on the dramatic fall of Romania's Ceausescu. Six months ago. Tokyo was the world's biggest market. This week it again fell into second place behind New York.

In America's shadow is where many economists feel Japan probably deserves to be. America has headaches with its budgetary book-keeping, but it is rich in a way Japan can only be on paper.

A favourite Japanese pastime is to calculate how much of America could be purchased from the sale of the grounds of Tokyo's Imperial Palace: all of California. But Tokyo's share fall has highlighted the fragility of the arithmetic.

Zooming Japanese land prices have fed the boom in share-buying. Higher share prices then created enough profits for more land speculation. Money was cheap; so was oil. Inflation was low and the

economy was booming. Now almost everything, except land prices, has gone into reverse and it seems the Emperor never really had any clothes. If the land bubble bursts, instead of slowly deflating, the bang could pop eardrums from London to New York.

For an idea of just how bad things have become, the loss in the value of Tokyo's shares since the market hit its dizzy New Year's Eve peak is larger than the value of all the shares on the London stock market.

Tokyo has lost more than a quarter of its worth in less than a quarter of a year, its worst drubbing since the oil

Japan, London and New York since October 1987 THE WEEK THAT SHOOK Fri Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri lapan Nikkei

Nikkei fell by what now looks like a modest 21 per cent.

The yen, once the strongest currency one could wish for, is falling faster than a thermometer in a snowdrift. It is at its lowest level for three years and heading lower.

It is all unpleasantly novel for a country which has come to think of itself, in economic terms at least, as top banana; where the stock market has risen for 12 successive years, pushing up share prices eightfold; where the word "sell" was never heard from Tokyo share dealers.

Many people who thought the stock market was the safest place for their twice-yearly salary bonuses are shocked to find that even Japanese share prices shiver occasionally. One in five Japanese owns shares. Lunchtimes once spent in noodle shops are now spent peering at the windows of share shops, where the green lights next to almost every share quote tell them their shares are wilting by the hour.

They are chewing their nails but they know share prices have been climbing spectacularly for more than a decade and they remember how the market bounced back after October 1987. They know they would have been silly to

kept in folded banknotes preferably foreign ones

Some feel they have been tricked by bullish brokers' predictions that the Nikkei would soar from nearly 39,000 at the end of last year to 45,000, maybe even 50,000, soon. Some are browsing in book-shops for advice. The Sun Also Sets, by Mr Bill Emmott, a journalist and former Tokyo correspondent for The Economist has become a fast seller in the search for explanations for Japan's inexorable fall below the economic horizon.

"If I'd have known that stock prices could fall so drastically," said an office worker, with the innocence that marks the amateur investor, "I would have sold them earlier."

Mr Shinichi Nemoto, editor of Investment Advice, a magazine tailored to the armchair punter, has been plagued with telephone callers asking when a special issue will be published predicting the stock market's future.

"The sky-rocketing prices at the end of last year were abnormal," he says. "I've been warning since then that anything can happen to the market, but investors generally tend to be bullish. This is an opportunity to re-learn about

under the futon.

The turning point for small investors was not some of the biggest falls in years, or the fact that Tokyo is no longer the biggest stock market. It was the backlash of Japan's version of popular capitalism. When the share price of the privatized Nippon Telegraph

and Telephone - Japan's British Telecom and the world's biggest company sank below its 1987 offering diligent Japanese." • People got too complacent about the Japan Inc myth . . . the idea that there

> sure the market would always go up 9 Although the immediate efprice this week, there were cries of protest across the fect is on people's pockets, country. It topped the evening perhaps the biggest casualty is news bulketins. The tele-phones in NTT's headquarters of businessmen and bureauthe perception that the cabal have not stopped ringing. crats who control Japan would ensure a safety net was placed under the Nikkei whenever it looked wobbly. It seemed to

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nancial director of Mitsui Cor-

poration, the trading group, said: "This was a signal for the

Japanese to return to being

work in October 1987. It is not

working now, despite hurried

arrangements to make margin

Mr Toshikatsu Fukuma, fi-

"I feel as if I were swindled by the Ministry of Finance and the Bank of Japan," said one NTT investor, who presumably had assumed share dealing was a one-way

still remembers the rubble about the Japan Inc myth," that was Tokyo after the war, says Mr Peter Tasker, who certainly raily any day now. again for tea in a day or two. runs Kleinwort Benson's re-

> this Big Daddy who would make sure that the market would always go up, that there was a safety net, who would always see that you were all right, that has been comprehensively disproved. "Since 1985 the market has risen with the help of low

interest rates and an easy money policy. But the authorities can't magic the market up when things go into reverse." But in Japan, "administrat-ive guidance" - orders from

life and some people still believe the government can defy the laws of economics. kvo businessman as the market was on another rollercoast-

er ride. "I wish Finance Ministry officials would instruct the brokerages to buy up a lot of shares."

Schadenfreude in share trading: Tokyo dealers feel the strain as the stock market and yen continued to tumble yesterday

dence in Japan's ability to

control monetary policy, espe-

search department in Tokyo. The weak yen that has been troubling Tokyo centrai bank-"The idea that there was ers, who fear it will boost import prices and fuel inflation. does not appear to worry many of Japan's industrial allies. America seems very happy with the dollar's muscularity. West Germany wants a strong mark, too. The yen is being

forced to take the strain. Many analysts see the daily warnings given by Mr Yasushi Mieno, the Governor of the Bank of the Japan, that currency speculators will have their fingers burned, as wishful thinking. A long-delayed, top civil servants - is a way of one-point rise in interest rates on Tuesday failed to bolster

the yen. It also pulled the rug "Personally," said one Tofurther from under the stock market, which feels it has enough to worry about without higher borrowing costs for Investors have lost confi-

Share traders have given up listening to the Canute-like predictions from Finance not up. So far, that moment appears to be some way away. If Japan's allies are reluctant

to throw out life belts, it is only partly because they have been little affected by Tokyo's troubles. It is also because they are quite enjoying the spectacle of seeing Tokyo get its comeuppance for pushing stock prices up to levels that made a mockery of normal financial calculations. There is schudenfreude in share trad.

This feeling that Japan is to blame for its present discomfort adds a novel twist The Tokyo stock market has suffered setbacks in the past but they have always been attributed to external shocks,

For example, in 1953 the market suffered the "Stalin Shock." slumping 9 per cent on news of the Soviet leader's death. Then there was the "Nixon Shock" at the start of floating exchange rates, the "Oil Shock." which was the Arabs' fault, and Black Mon-day in 1987, which was the Americans' fault. This time the problem is Made In Japan.

"It is nothing to do with the Americans or the Arabs," says Mr Tasker. "It is driven by Japanese investors' perception of their own assets."

So, what happens next? The yen will stay weak

however much jaw-jaw there is between officials in Tokyo, Washington or Bonn. Cheaper prices of Japan's exports could boost Japan's trade surplus and aggravate Tokyo's aircady prickly relations with Washington.

A sizzling public spat between the world's two most powerful economies could have unpredictable coasequences on financial markets everywhere.

The sickly yen will make another rise in Japanese interest rates almost certain, despite complaints from the Finance Ministry, whose bickering over interest rates has hurt the credibility of Japanese monetary policy.

The Bank of Japan feels that with Japan's economy still puffing away at a growth rate of between 4 and 5 per cent a year, the Japanese can stomach slightly dearer money now, especially if the alter-

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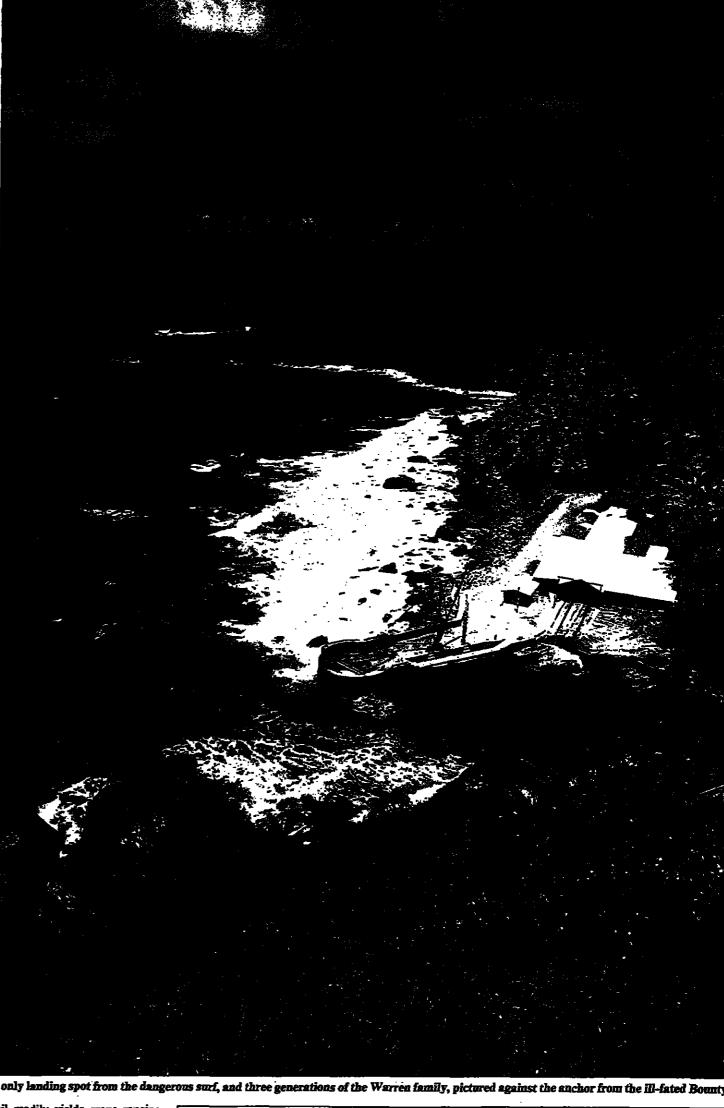
# LEGACY of THE BOUNTY

Pitcairn, a rocky scrap of land 3,000 miles from anywhere, is still home to 49 descendants of the Bounty mutineers. But how much longer can they enjoy its peace and beauty? Michael Brooke reports on the island's bi-centenary









The real (and Hollywood) Pitcairn of Mutiny on the Bounty fame: tree-lined Bounty Bay and jetty, the island's only landing spot from the dangerous surf, and three generations of the Warren family, pictured against the anchor from the ill-fated Bounty

ub and Tin are the only physical links that the dwindling population of Pitcairn Island has with an outside world whose bearest main point of contact is 3,000 miles away. Two sturdy 40ft open bosts, bucking out through the Pacific swell to passing ships, are the means by which visitors and supplies reach the little community, descended from Fletcher Christian and the mutineers of Captain Bligh's Bounty, who inhabit one of the most beautiful and isolated spots on carth.

A rocky scrap of land two miles by one, set in an infinity of ocean, Pitcairn has no natural harbour. Since Christian's day, a tiny stone jetty has been built in Bounty Bay to create a measure of shelter from the swell. But there is no airstrip, and longboats are still the only tneans the islanders have of crossing the barrier of surf, just as they were 200 years ago.
The appearance of a ship off-

shore is the signal for half the population to make for the boats. which hurry out to moor like oockleshells under the high, steel ade of the newcomer.

It is not uncommon for a single longboat to go to sea with, quite literally, about half the island's population of 49 on board. A capeze would be a disaster for the whole community. But the crews are expert at handling their apparently fragile vessels in the open sea. Once alongside the ship, the islanders swarm up a rope ladder like parates, carrying tropical fruit and hand-carved souvenirs to sell to the erew. Four times a year, a ship brings three container-loads of mixed supplies, which are lowered into the boats and steered to shore, the belinsmen waiting for a quiet patch between the ominous swells before shooting in under the shelter of the jetty.

To handle the two longboats on supply days, a minimum of 10 able-bodied crew members are deeded. The population includes a full age range from infants to pensioners, and today the number who can lead a useful hand to this

essential task is only about 10. There is a serious spouse probem on Priceim. A young adult has literally only two or three marriageable partners from which to choose. If none of them appeals, even with the benefit of tropical

sunshine to catalyse the sexual chemistry, then he or she has no option but to look overseas.

It would be too strong to say that the Pitcairners live under a sense of threat, but there is a background anxiety which has been evident for 10 or 20 years. Most people would like life to go on as it has. But that depends on this fragile line of contact through the surf. Each of the island's small number of key people must be aware that their life choices have great importance for the future of

the whole community. Christian and his eight fellow mutineers landed in Pitcairn 200 years ago last January, with 19 Polynesian sweethcarts and shipmates. They literally burned their boats by destroying the Bounty by fire. By the time they were rediscovered 18 years later, all but one of the mutineers had died as a result of murder, accident or illness. Christian, shot down by a Tahitian, died with the unromantic exclamation: "Oh, dear."

Pitcaire celebrated its bicentennial modestly. Visitors doubled the island's population, bringing it briefly up into triple figures aga The islanders dressed up in 18th century gear and had a party and a cricket match. On the anniversary of the day the Bounty was burner they gathered for a service in the Seventh Day Adventist church.

In no sense is a visit to Pitcairn a return to the days of windjammers and salt pork, although the Bounty legacy is evident in the islanders' surnames, of which there are four. Within 60 years of their arrival the mutineers and their consorts had multiplied to

194 and overpopulation threatened their existence. In 1856 all the islanders were removed to Norfolk Island, 3,700 miles away, but over the following decade 43 people in six families elected to return. They brought with them the mutineer names Young and Christian, plus Warren, an American sealer who settled on Pitcairn in the early 1800s, and Brown, a sailor shipwrecked at the turn of the century on nearby Oeno.

Pitcairn's population reached a peak of 233 in 1937. This was almost too many for the island and the surrounding seas to support, and the community came near to starvation when supplies became irregular during the Second World War. Since then the lure of the outside world has brought about a slow decline. The island is economically self-sufficient, earning about £400,000 a year through the sale of fishing licences, and postage stamps and coins to collectors. But the community has continued to shrink. Numbers dropped below 100 in the 1960s, and are now close to the viable minimum.

It is easy to understand why most of the population are content with their life, and why they are wary of changes which might by outside standards seem desirable measures to stabilize its popula-tion. For Pitcairn has most of the qualifications of the archetypal tropical island. Its russet cliffs rise from the boiling foam of a sea alive with fish. Red-tailed tropic birds and black-winged frigate wheel round its 1,100ft summit Sunshine alternates with plentiful rain. A fertile volcanic



Shop aboy: the island's two longboats are the only link with passing cargo ships, which exchange supplies for souvenirs and fresh produce

soil readily yields crops ranging from green vegetables to oranges, pineapples, mangoes and coconuts - as well as the breadfruit, a hiscious relic of the Bounty's original purpose in sailing into the South Seas. The island's prison has never had an occupant, in the recollection of its one policeman.

There are no taxes of any kind.

There is, however, an inescapable conundrum: those steps that might halt the export of youth, and render the island more enticing to people keen to make their way in the world, pose the greatest threat to Pitcairn's most attractive features - its commercial virginity and its community spirit.

During my seven-week stay, I detected that the people would be anxious about a large number of omsiders coming to the island. They realize that united they stand. How well would that unity persist after the advent of an onshore fish-processing facility? Or a fruit-caming factory with a highly paid manager? Or an airstrip bringing tourists from Tahiti?

ny tourist wishing to visit Pitcairn needs to have both time and determination to spare. Tahiti, the nearest intemational airport, is 1,200 miles away. Every week or so a cargo ship passes by on the long Great Circle route between New Zealand and the Panama Canal. Some pause for only an hour or so, for time is money, and an hour's delay between ports may cost £1,000 or more.

To get there, I spent eight days aboard a Greek banana boat bound for Ecuador, enduring a surfeit of feta cheese and olive oil. Visitors have to obtain a landing licence from the British Consuizte-General in Auckland, New Zealand, requiring the bearer to be of good behaviour and free from contagious disease. But the island's elected chief citizen, its magistrate, Brian Young, showed no urgency about inspecting the documentation of a visitor whose arrival had been well-signalled in advance by radio.

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# Fag memory of a political leapfrog

fter living it up in Venice it was back to the daily round, the common task of this week (Anne Benson of north London has kindly offered to fix the widowed Solly and Eddie up with any number of Beckies and Sarahs). The daily round included dinner at the television centre. The Marmaduke Husseys hosted a large party for the Douglas Hurds and the Timothy Rentons and fielded a room full of the acceptable faces of BBC presentation: the Sissons, the Naughties, the Simon Bates, the Robin Rays, Nick Ross, Anna Ford and Sue Lawley.

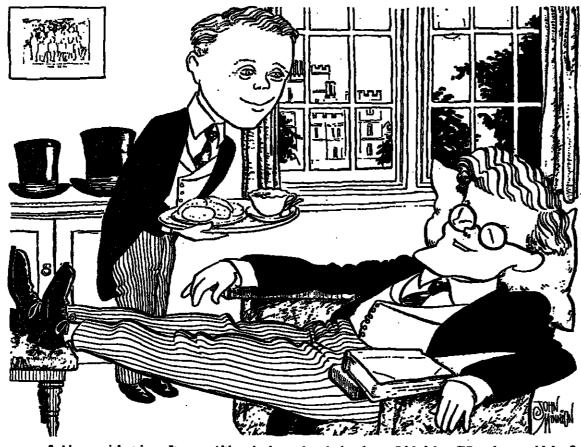
My man in Deal had muttered something about Renton having been Hurd's fag at Eton, although there is a difference of only two years in their age; but I haven't the gall to authenticate this on your behalf or to enquire if it permanently col-oured their relationship in Cabinet. I was surprised to find that the Foreign Secretary is a year older than I am. I'd always assumed he was junior to Lawson and Heseltine. who were my contemporaries at Oxford and who leapfrogged him politically.

I was also surprised - and delighted - to sit next to his daughter-in-law, Kim, who runs a record company with Motorhead, of all groups, as one of her stars. Not many foreign secretaries have the heaviest of heavy metal groups in the family.

Susan Hussey is a Somerset girl. In the Sixties I appeared on my first Any Questions with her father, Lord Waldegrave, under the imperious chairmanship of Freddie Grisewood. Alan Melville and Edith Summerskill were also on the panel and, when a question about marriage cropped up, Freddie gazed balefully at our group, snorted and said loudly: "A question about marriage and we've got two bachelors on the panel. How queer!" Edith Summerskill compounded this by bellowing in my ear: "Did he

say 'queer'?"

The daily round also included dinner at Bibendum with Sir Michael Hordern, Michael Redington and Keith Waterhouse to plot something theatrical for the autumn. Simon Hopkinson suggested



more of his special tripe. Its inspiration, he says, is Australian, but I had a toothache and "made do" with scrambled eggs and

Then there was the first night of Sunday In The Park With George at the National. I don't think it's better than the splendid New York production; but I enjoyed it more. For my part I suspect this is simply because I have now seen it twice. It is a dense work and I shall probably enjoy it even more a third time. You can't say that of many musicals.

The common task this week was a daily trip to Waterloo to rebearse a fine company in Geraldine Aron's play Same Old Moon. In the next few weeks you may be subjected to rather a lot of hot news from the Test Valley, eked out with profiles of New Forest ponies and attempts to solve the mystery of who killed William Rufus. We open the play at the Nuffield. Southampton, in the first week of April

Although the author insists her play is not autobiographical, it does contain a warm and firmny scene involving a play agent not unlike the legendary Peggy Ramsay, who was once Miss Aron's representa-

This devastatingly honest woman and inspired play reader, now in her eighties, was ex-haustively profiled over the weekend along with the Ayckbourns, Bolts, Hares, Ortons, Bonds and Brentons in her stable. This week's visitor, Vaclav Havel, is also an author she serves in this country.

I once followed her around a foyer at Guildford where she was (quite rightly) telling London managers not to think of bringing a revue of ours to town as it was not nearly good enough. Some time afterwards she tried to sack us, but we told her not to be silly.

A penalty you pay for doing an Irish play is that when you tell people they insist on telling you Irish jokes. What do you think of the Renault Five? Not guilty.

A real one crept up on me this week when I rang Dublin for a piece of background broadcasting inform-

I asked for a specific head of department. We shall call him Mr O'X. "Yes," said the switchboard helpfully, "would that be the Mr O'X who died five days ago?" Another enjoyable bit of common

round was rehearsing Cantabile's concert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. gave them a few programme shoves and pushes. Their determination to expand their repertoire is admirable and their topical parody "Don't Worry (Be Green)" has a neat line about that effect. Antarctica, according to Cantabile, is now "the pole with a hole".

I WONDER who else has dropped off the twig. I see that the Duchess of Devonshire (40 years a dear old Duch this year - almost a record for a duchess not divorced or dowagered this century - and it don't seem a day too much) has collected a handsome advance on behalf of the estate for her sister

Nancy Mitford's letters.
Some 10 years ago, when Debo last talked to me about it, she said:
"We can't publish them yet, they'd come as such a shock to a lot of old dears who thought she was rather fond of them."

I HAVE THE answer to the two leftfooted ballet shoes on Diaghilev's Venetian tomb; but first here is how the grave got there. Writing in the New Yorker at the time of his death, Janet Flanner, Paris correspondent, wrote: "Diaghilev had only 2,000 lire to his name at the beginning of his last illness and hoped by dying quickly to die within his means: but bills to Venetian chemists and hotel keepers left him a posthumous pauper. It is said he was buried through the generosity of his friend Gabrielle Chanel, the famous and loyal dressmaker."

About the shoes, no one has suggested who put them there but Nadia Nerina rang to tell me that Gore Vidal, as author of Death in the 5th Position, should know better. Ballet shoes are made to be worn on either foot and quickly adapt to the dancers' shapes. She thinks the shoes on San Michele must be replaced regularly when they disintegrate - just as someone regularly places flowers on Pavlova's grave in north London. When Nadia took Ulanova to visit it some years ago, the blooms were fresh and neatly arranged.

I doubt the devoted buncher is the dancer who featured in one of Caryl Brahms's favourite stories. A member of Pavlova's company, she was standing in the wings one night when the music for The Dying Swan began. Before the great ballerina could make her solo entrance, the English girl made hers. Afterwards she explained that she had an irresistible urge to express herself in the dance and was greatly surprised when Madame sacked her as soon as she came off.

ON NO ACCOUNT miss a massive celebration of musical theatre and one of its great musical directors, the late Ray Cook, tomorrow night at the Shaftesbury. The line-up is stunning. Angela Lansbury makes a rare appearance and the Golden Girl, Beatrice Arthur, her first. If you can miss a special Elisabeth Welch appearance, I can't. The last time I dictated her name

for this column, the patient man who took it down bridled when I pointed out that Miss Welch spells her first name with an "s".

"I know," be said, "I got her autograph at the Shepherd's Bush Empire 40 years ago."

#### CELIA BRAYFIELD

## If I were...

have just had the most appalling experience. I am so disturbed I can hardly dictate this. Nevertheless, I must be resolute. I have seen the light and from now on everything will be different. It all began when my wife called me on the car telephone on my way into London from the airport. "We've got 12 people coming to dinner and no potatoes. Could you be a darling and pop into Chiswick? We need two 3fb bags and be sure to get the organic ones."

As the chairman of Britain's most profitable supermarket chain I can, of course, summon 61b of organic potatoes any time I need them, but that night I decided on an adventure. I wanted to experience one of our stores as a customer. That was how Chiswick High Road became my road to Damascus.

Inside the store was a scene which needed a modern Gustave Dore to portray its overcrowded desperation. Angry people were crushed between the shelves like laboratory rats. The queues were appalling. There were no organic potatoes left and the shelf-filler laughed. There was, he said, no call for them and in any case they sold out early every morning. I took some Chilean grapes instead, I don't know why.

By now I had sustained three vicious blows to my shins from trolleys propelled by people at the limits of self-control. I felt my blood pressure rising and my heart pound. With a hand basket and cash I could join the faster check-out queue, which was also the longest.

The young woman ahead of me, who had a baby wedged into her trolley with packets of Pampers, said maybe the Budget would make a change with workplace nurseries, single parents returning to work



#### . Lord Sainsbury

and so forth. But who, she asked gloomily, would want to bring up a child in a place like Sainsbury's?

hen someone suggested we abandon our

baskets and pop down to Cullens I readily agreed. Cullens was, I must admit, a nice little shop, and took only a few minutes to buy potatoes, even if they were a wicked price and not organic.

I had ample time to reflect on this experience on the

way home, because a container lorry which had transported Spanish lettuces was stuck in a side street and we were trapped behind it for some time. I closed my eyes and remembered the Sainsbury's of my youth, the marble and mahogany shopfittings, the butter sculptures, that fresh dairy smell and the workers in white uniforms wielding cheese wires and bacon slicers with good cheer. At night I lay awake reflecting that almost seven

million people every week suffer the ordeal I had experienced. I thought of the money we had given to the National Gallery, of the Sainsbury Centre for the visual arts. I started to see a vision of the Sainsbury's of the future, calm and clean, friendly to the user and the environment. Space, design, biodegradable packaging, piped Mozart, maybe videos, possibly even mahogany, marble and the cool fragrance of real cheddar.



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'When I was about seven my mother suggested I wrote something, not to become a writer, just to amuse myself'

ome years ago. Kingsley Amis read an interview about his friend Philip Larkin in which Larkin was asked at what age he began writing: "Oh, at puberty, like everyone else," was the reply, "What?" thought Amis, astonished. "He left it until pu-berty? I'd been writing for years by

Amis was always writing, his first work being a 99-line blank verse poem about the miracle of Saint Sophia. A little later at 12 came "The Sacred Rhino of Uganda", a 200-word piece for the school magazine which began with dialogue; "'We must set out as soon as possible,' said Captain Hartley to his son, Mark."

"Not very interesting dialogue. I admit. That came from reading boys' comics which tended to get off the mark in that way then. Nowadays you'd think it was Graham Greene who invented beginning a story with dialogue. but people who'd read Magner and The Wizard knew all about that." He was born in 1922 in Norbury, south London, to a

middle-class couple, an only child and over-protected. "My parents wouldn't let me play with other children much. Certainly not out in the street. I think the family had come down in the world, slipped a rung, and I suppose they were frightened of toppling into the working class."

His father worked for Colman's Mustard after his father Amis's grandfather saw the family glass business somewhat shot from under him by Woolworth's. Neither of his parents was bookish, his mother enjoying "good trash
... she'd probably have thought Catherine Cookson very good", while his father stuck to detective stories or books about cricket. Of his immediate family, only his mother's father was interested in literature. He had the collected works of all the English poets on his shelves and Amis liked him. Then, "silly ass, he was the first of them to die. I was about eight. My grandmother said I could have just five books of his library provided I wrote inside that they were from my grandfather's collection. So I chose, what else, Keats, Shelley, Byron.

Altogether Amis's close family does seem to have been a bit rum, not unlike the black, bleak, and sometimes comic characters one might find in any of his novels, not least his latest, The Folks That Live On The Hill (Hutchinson, £11.95). There was, for instance, his father's brother, Uncie Leslie, home to look after his mother and became trapped.

"She was a horrible old creature. mean as hell. He had a hell of a life and began to think he might be queer. He came and asked my father about it, and told him what he suspected. And my father's reply was, 'I trust you've seen a dector about this'.

When my grandmother died at the age of 89, unlamented, certainly by me, Uncle Leslie went literally around the world having everything that moved (in the way of women). Amazing! Nothing queer about him. He'd just been living such a distorted life.



Kingsley Amis: "I was a Communist at school and went to party meetings. That was because my father was such a reactionary. It wasn't totally wasted because it showed me in retrospect how devious Communists were'

about 18 months, but he did have a jolly good fling before he went." On the other side of the family was his mother's sister, Dora, who looked after her mother, too, and who was known in the family as being a bit funny. Eventually she got so funny they put her away. "She wasn't mad at all really, just suffering an obsessive's anxiety neurosis, but in those days anyone who was a bit funny got put inside.

"Then the news came that her mother was dead and immediately she said, 'What day is it? What year is it? Nothing was left of her funnyness. Isn't it extraordinary?"

While all this was going on in the background, the young Amis was progressing through childhood. "I can remember at seven or eight saying to my mother that I had nothing to do and she suggested I wrote something, not because she wanted to encourage me to be a writer but just so that I might amuse myself.

"And I did amuse myself. I used to write stories and tried to produce a little comic, tracing round advertisements in the newspaper and writing stories to go with them. I also used to write little poems based on those I'd The poor thing died after read at school or in books my parents had bought me - Victorian or Edwardian school stories.

Unlike most boys he did not look forward to the holidays, preferring the camaraderie of school. First there was Norbury College, a small fee-paying place, which has now disappeared leaving behind it only two famous alumnae. Amis and

Derek Bentley, then the City of London School, which his father and two of his uncles had attended

and which he enjoyed. He was now developing tastes not completely to his family's liking. At first he liked classical music, for which his father had little time, although his parents did buy him a gramophone, and then he discov-

"My father didn't like jazz either," he laughs. "I remember playing a record of Duke Ellington who had started to become symphonic, I think it was his 'Black, Brown and Beige Suite' - very highbrow - and my father said it made him think of a lot of cannibals dancing around a pot of human remains. It was closer to Debussy actually."

In 1939 the outbreak of war more about Jack Teagarden and meant that the City of London School was evacuated to Mariborough ("only in term-time. We went back to London to be bombed in the holidays"), and from there he got an exhibition to St John's College, Oxford to read

by Ray Connolly

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I'd been a Communist at school

We had a mock parliament and I

was on the extreme left of the

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Sydney Bechet than Keats. The convention of the time was that getting a degree was something you had to do and

examinations were a matter of outwitting the examiners. So we didn't discuss poetry much, although he did get me to have a Almost the first thing he did at second go at Auden and read John

Betjeman.
"I knew of Betjeman as a writer on architecture and as someone who had written some rather funny poems. But Philip said,

'They're better than that.' munist Party. "That was to do my Philip was already writing father in the eye because he was a poetry and when I saw some of his very plain case of a reactionary. work I could see instantly, with some chagrin and much envy, that he was much better at it than I was. He was a good example to me in that he used to say you have to work at it and get it right. It seems an obvious lesson, but you have to learn it.

> On the subject of getting work published, Larkin also came up with a typically honest method. There's one absolutely certain way to get something published," he told Amis, "and that is to write something which is very, very

good." Before he could do this. Amis was called up and spent from 1942 to 1945 in the Royal Signal Corps, taking part in the Allied invasion of Europe. He was behind the lines but close enough to see the terrible litter of German dead, the body of a horse still in the shafts of the gun carriage it had been pulling, its gums receding into a death snarl.

In 1945 he returned to Oxford. rather than be sent to the Far East with the Army, a decision he has occasionally regretted, and set about working, courting and then, with his first-class degree in the bag, writing his first novel, The

It was never published despite the efforts of a chum, Kenneth Tynan ("a very nice man, a bloody idiot, but a nice man"), who had taken him to lunch with Mark Longman. That was a good connection but not good enough. In the end, no one else liked The

Legacy either.
"I'd done a lot of poetry that was absolutely worthless and then this novel was absolute crap. Part of it still exists somewhere in America. It was one of those novels where the hero is called Kingsley Amis and has a brother

called Sydney Amis, a sort of Mr Hyde. A horrible semi-expectant novel. The only time it rose as high as being mediocre was when it was about Berkhamsted which is where I was living at the time with my parents. I milked it slightly in 1960 with Take a Girl Like You.

"I just got all that modernist rubbish out of my system. This was one of the advantages of not having any literary connections. If I'd been in the position of my son Martin, who couldn't help but know all the literary editors, I'd have probably got the thing published and it would have taken me 10 years to recover."

In the event it did take some years to get off the mark in that it was not until 1954 when he was 32 that his first book, Lucky Jim, was published. By this time he was lecturing at University College,

"People would say I was a late starter. But I was an early starter. I was just late getting anything published, for which I'm very grateful. There's nothing else I could have done but write. I'm very lucky. I'm one of the few people who has been able to do what I've always wanted to do and

## Growing up delightfully on Pitcairn



ason Christian-Warren awaits the island's big moment on Christmas Day. In the morning, the men cut festive trees, and in mid-afternoon the islanders decorate the trees with presents. Then mayhem ensues as the men cut free the presents and call out the recipients' names. Everybody gives everybody something, if only a couple of fishing weights.

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between parents and their sons and daughters serving their last two years of secondary education at boarding schools in New Zealand. Younger children are taught on the island by a teacher from New Zealand, who serves a two-year term and has 13 pupils on his roll at the moment. As a place to grow up, Pitcairn is delightful. Children wander freely between homes, and receive meals wherever they happen to feel hungry. There are no locked

New Zealand is the primary external point of contact. If island-ers are seriously ill, that is where they go for treatment. If some exceptional item of equipment too big for the longboats is required, like the island's single buildozer, the Kiwi air force can organize an air-

More than 1,000 Pitcairners live in New Zealand and Australia, and another 500 further afield. Generations of emigration have resulted in there being far more Pitcairners living overseas than the island could ever accommodate at one

The influence of radio and vidcos, which are a favourite entertainment when the island's electricigenerator is working in the evenings, have made the islanders bilingual, or bi-dialectical. Talking to outsiders, they use English: talking to each other, they speak Pitcaimese - basically seafaring English of the 18th century, with a mixture of Polynesian elements. notably in fish names such as nanwe and uhu. Long archaic vowel sounds survive in it like "hooam" for "home", as well as words reminiscent of Marryat and Defoe.

"How do you enjoy Pitcairn neckle" an islander may ask. victuals back to life.

bringing the almost-forgotten word But the new is gradually displac-ing the old. Thirteen-year-old Darralyn Warren talks about guns.

where her aunt Meraida still speaks

of muskets.

Isolation makes for a close-knit society, with a high premium on sharing and mutual help. In the past, the economy was one in which cash had little place. To this day, islanders aged between 15 and 60 are under an obligation to turn out and lend a hand with public works if they hear the bell in the main square toil three times. If stores need to be shifted or a blocked road needs to be cleared, everyone is expected to turn to, and anyone who hangs back will be told off roundly for slacking. Often, passing ships make gifts to the community, and then the long-

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established procedure of the share-out comes into play. I remember a stock of frozen meat coming ashore at dusk from an Austrian freighter. In the arc-lights of the jetty, mighty Jay Warren swung an axe to chop frozen turkeys neatly into haives. This made it possible to assemble as many turkey-meat piles as there were families represented on Tub. Then, following a method once used by British seamen, Steve Christian pointed to a pile while Dave Brown. his back turned, shouted who was to receive this particular pile. Unarguably fair shares for all.

These were carried off in the three and four-wheeled Honda all-terrain vehicles, which everyone uses. These fat-tyred buggies are so popular that it is uncommon to see a Pitcairner on foot outside the village of Adamstown, so called in honour of John Adams, the only mutineer to survive the feuds of the first 10 years. He became the patriarch of a God-fearing settlement from which strong liquor was banned. Today both smoking and

drinking are rare indulgences. The square is a charming enclave of white-boarded British coloniality. It is open to the north, and bounded on the east by the Seventh Day Adventist church, where the Bounty's Bible is lodged. To the south is the post office, the library and the dispensary where nurse Jen Ferret, the pastor's wife, deals with most ailments, and Steve Christian pulls a mean tooth.

On the west side is the Court House, the scene of public meetings rather than trials. Next to it is the office of the Island Secretary, Olive Christian. The Bounty's hatchet is kept hanging ominously over her head. The ship's anchor is also in the square, recovered from the sea

The house where I stayed, and enjoyed laughs and much hospital-ity, is a typical one. It belongs to Jay and Carol Warren. It has hardboard walls on termite-treated wooden frames, and a corrugated aluminium roof, which is used to collect rainwater in the absence of a reliable spring. Their son, Dean, was away at school in New Zealand, so I could stay in his room with its shelves crowded with Elvis and Abba tapes.

The evidence of a declining population is all too evident. Outside the central square, it is impossible not to notice the tumbledown houses and encroaching vegetation. It is almost a surprise to find an occupied house. Many of the gardens, which the islanders' ancestors carved out of the vanished forests, have been taken over by a scrub of rose apple and lantana.

Pitcaim's rock carvings and stone tools record a Polynesian occupation that ended before the Bounty's arrival. The island was abandoned once. Now, again, it faces an uncertain future. As Tom Christian, one of the most reflective islanders. says: "It's difficult to know whether anybody will be here in the future. There isn't really a great deal here. But it's certainly a lot more peaceful than many other places in the

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Richard Owen meets the architect who hopes to build a better future for Jerusalem with his startling designs for its new City Hall complex

# Building up dreams of Eden

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the Canadian architect, is a man with a vi-

sion. We stand together looking down into what appears to be a giant hole in the ground in the historic heart of Jerusalem, with earth-moving machines digging, like toys, at the bottom, But Mr Diamond, whose startling plan for a new Jerusalem City Hali has just been approved after many bureaucratic hurdles, sees in his mind's eye a £53 million complex of offices, palm trees, shaded cafes, an aqueduct and a great plaza. The project is due to be finished in three years, and should help resolve a key aspect of the Middle East conflict - the unity of Jerusalem - at a time when peace talks are in the balance and Israel is poised to make a choice over its next government. "In Jerusalem, buildings are not just buildings," says Mr Diamond, who was born in South Africa and read philosophy, politics and economics at Oxford University before becoming a leading architect in Toronto. They are symbols. The new City Hall complex deliberately faces East and West, to stress that it is open to Arabs and Jews alike." Mr mond, a man of liberal views ("I was almost a revolutionary in South Africa, but didn't want to spend my life in jail", is from a Jewish family, and has an approach to life — engaging, urbane, opposed to prejudice — which is

him I said so." Mr Diamond and his team are steeped in Jerusalem history (Mr Diamond has spent many hours wandering the Old City streets with his paints and sketchpad) and are acutely conscious of local

diametrically opposed to the kind of entrenched religious and pol-

itical attitudes which have always

dogged the Arab-Jewish conflict,

and which nearly prevented the idea of a City Hall open to Arabs

and Jews getting started at all. The

fact that it has is a tribute to the

powerful personality and liberal ideas of Teddy Kollek, the veteran

mayor of Jerusalem. "City Hall will be Mr Kollek's monument,"

Mr Diamond says. "But don't tell

architectural traditions, whether Jews into Israel at the rate of Muslim, Christian or Jewish. The new complex is in a mixture of native Middle Eastern styles -Islamic motifs combined with details from an ancient synagogue - as if to underline the reconciliation of warring communities. The issue of Jerusalem is again

arousing deep passions, with the Palestinians demanding East Jerusalem as their future capital in a peace settlement and israelis of both right and left competing to declare their dedication to "eternal" Israeli control of the whole

In almost any other city in the world, a building project — however controversial — would scarcely arouse fervent political and religious debate. But the Holy City, fought over for centuries, is unique. The 1948 Arab-Israeli War ended with West Jerusalem in Israeli hands and East Jeru-salem in Jordanian hands. Since the Six Day War of 1967, reunder Israeli control, and in 1981 was officially annexed as part of Israel (unlike the West Bank and Gaza, which are under military occupation pending a negotiated solution).



The United States, which has been trying to bring about Israeli-Palestinian talks for the

last, focusing on other, less intractable issues such as the holding of elections in the Israeli-occupied areas. The assumption was that a negotiated solution would eventually be found for Jerusalem, perhaps with special status as a corpus separatum, as envisaged in the UN partition plan of 1947, or as a united city with two municipal administrations, one Israeli and one Palestinian.

President Bush has pushed the Jerusalem question back into the limelight - whether by accident or design - by describing East Jerusalem as "occupied" in the same sense as the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. His remarks were prompted by the influx of Soviet

thousands a month, with about 10 per cent of the new arrivals heading for new, subsidized Jew-ish suburbs in East Jerusalem, across the "green line", in land captured in 1967. To Russian eyes the suburbs simply look like nice new housing estates. To Arabs in nearby villages they are a blatant attempt to make Jewish control of East Jerusalem permanent. Already East Jerusalem has a population of 140,000 Arabs, and more than 100,000 Jews.

The suggestion that Jerusalem is

not necessarily Israeli for ever has

infuriated even Mr Kollek, long

noted for tolerant policies which

have won him the respect of Arabs and Jews alike. The great plaza at the heart of the new City Hall project, designed to hold 15,000 people and to be used for public rallies and festivals, has already been unofficially dubbed "Teddy Kollek Plaza". Maintaining the unity of Jerusalem is Mr Kollek's lifelong cause. Last week, in defiance of President Bush, he deliberately convened the city council in Newe Yaakov, one of the Jewish suburbs of East Jerusalem, and read out Psalm 122: "Our feet shall stand within thy gates O Jerusalem/Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together." Rulers have come and gone - Assyrians, Romans, Crusaders, Arabs - but only the Jews remained and returned, Mr Kollek said. The city council passed a resolution declaring that for 3,000 years, since King David made Jerusalem his capital, it has always been the eternal capital of the Jewish people, the spiritual centre of the Jewish people's hopes and longings... Under Israeli rule the full rights of all communities and religious denominations have been respected as never in the past." Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, took up the theme: "For us there is one Jerusalem, the capital of Israel. We made no distinction between East and West. Immigrants have the right to settle in any part of the

As chief architect of the new City Hall, working in partnership with three Israeli architectural companies and a Toronto enModel of new City Hall

gineering company, Jack Di-amond is used to controversy. amond is used to controversy.
"You can't dig into the ground or
build something above it without
enraging somebody," he says.
Even clearing the site and digging
deep foundations has proved troublesome: the site is very close to the great 16th-century walls of the Old City built by the Ottomans. At one point work was held up by the discovery of the remains of what appeared to be masonry from the Second Temple period, which might have been part of the much older city wall from the time of Christ. Such a find might finally solve the vexed question of Christ's burial-place "beyond the

The bulldozers and JCBs were silenced while delegations of rabbis, priests and archaeologists ended into the hole to investigate - only to conclude that the masonry had been brought there from elsewhere at some point in the distant past.

Work crews subsequently brought to light Roman coins, the foundations of a Crusader leper colony, pottery, Herodian masonry and a Crusader aqueduct, each discovery bringing back the archaeologists and clerics. The

hibitions," Ms Rees says.
"Around them we want to

mount much smaller, more informal types of displays which can last a couple of

weeks or six months. The

museum at the moment is seen

as a series of rather large

chunks and I want to break up

some of them. The museum

should be working on a num-

the contemporary as its start-

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Ms Rees says.

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ated in 1918.

It is to be followed by an

exhibition devised with the

Museum of Modern Art in

Oxford and the Museum of the

City of Prague on Deversil, the

movement which covered

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The Design Museum will

also host a conference on

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environment at the end of

April as a non-exhibition

"I don't think we're in-

terested in just collecting ob-

jects and putting them on

display. It's important that the

Design Museum starts to set an

contribution to debate.

acenda," Ms Rees says.

fate of much more recent buildings on the site has also been controversial; many are to be preserved and incorporated into the new design, including the cramped old city hall, which dates from the 1930s and still bears the pockmarks of machine gun and mortar fire from the 1948 and 1967 wars. In British Mandate times it was the Palestine branch of Barclays Bank (the initals BB can still be seen intertwined in the wrought iron grilles over the windows). But one or two build-ings judged to be of little or no historical or religious significance have come down to make way for the great plaza - not without a fight being put up by preservation groups. Even diehard conservatives have been won over by the design, in which the main office buildings, five and a half storeys high, combine ancient architectural influences with modern features such as a huge underground car-park. The main buildings are to be in other and rose limestone,

in Mameluke patterns, with Ar-

abic metal trelliswork. The plaza

in front will have stunning views

of the old City Walls, Mount

Scopus and the Mount of Olives.

And yet, for all the sensitive

design and political fairmindedness, the key question is whether Palestinian Arabs from East Jerusalem will really regard this splen-did palace as "theirs" - something more, in other words, than a place where city taxes and water bills are paid and complaints about the drains or planning permission are lodged with Israeli officialdom.



The Western side of the proposed plaza is formed by the Jaffa Road, a busy arterial road crucial to

Jerusalem commerce. On the Eastern side a hill leads down to a large area of wasteland by the Damascus Gate, currently used as a parking lot for dilapidated West Bank lorries coming into Jeru-salem on business. The area has never been developed - because it is in East Jerusalem.

East Jerusalem Arabs complain that, for all Mr Kollek's efforts, they are second-class citizens and are denied services at the same level as West Jerusalemites, even though they pay the same city taxes. Very few East Jerusalem Arabs, moreover, vote in munici-

pai elections, and none stands as candidate, again despite Mr Kollek's efforts. Some attribute this apathy to intimidation by radical groups such as the PLO. which argue that to vote in an Israeli election is to accept Israeli rule as permanent. Whatever the reason, many Arabs, even the ones who tend Jerusalem's public gardens or mend its street lights as council workers, do not "identify" with the Israeli authorities and

Although the wall dividing Jerusalem came down in 1967, a different kind of division has grown up in the past two years, with Israelis who used to frequent Arab restaurants in the East now afraid to venture into the Arah half of the city for fear of attack. The new City Hall may help to keep Jerusalem united - or it may be seen by the Arab side as an expensive indulgence and an at-tempt to consolidate Israeli control. At all events, it stems doubtful whether the social. psychological and political barriers which divide Arab and Jew in Jerusalem will have been overcome by the time Jack Diamond's and Teddy Kollek's vision is

#### **MUSEUMS**

The new director of the Design Museum talks to Simon Tait about her plans

## Sweeping reforms

hen she opened the Design Museum among the wharfs and spice stores near Tower Bridge last July, the Prime Minister said it should not be called a museum. Museums, as everyone knew, were dusty old places, not excitingly glossy like Stephen Bayley's £7-million creation.

The museum began through the Boilerhouse Project in the Victoria & Albert Museum, of which Sir Terence Conran is a trustee. He set up a foundation 10 years ago to realize the project, and within two months of it opening Mr Bayley was gone, to pursue other projects on behalf of Sir

In his place is Helen Rees, a Cambridge philosophy graduate, who has moved up from being curator to take over Mr Bayley's role, which has now become that of director rather than chief executive.

"So far, we've only got as far as being a rather precious repository showing a certain type of artefact, and the problem is that we haven't gone beyond that stage," Ms Rees says. "We haven't begun to deal with the issues arising from those products."

The idea of the museum was to examine the influences of design on consumer products and vice versa, and to celebrate design classics, as identified by Mr Bayley.

It has an exhibition hall, the latest show being a loan exhibition on French design. which ended on March 4: a review section that presents new objects of interesting, innovative or rather daft devising, including videophones, clamp-on motors for Third World bikes and commuter roller skates; and on the top floor is a study collection which traces developments in such things as typewriters.

Museums tend to work two years or more in advance on their exhibitions programme, but when she took over as acting director last September Ms Rees found a blank exhibition programme.

It meant starting from scratch, and the Sport '90 show, opening on April 6, is a Design Museum production.

"The idea of the exhibitions programme is not only to do our own work but also to show exhibitions from elsewhere and



Fresh start: Helen Rees, the new director at the Design Museu

the Boilerhouse tended to speak with a single voice, and it's quite important that the Design Museum speaks with a number of different voices - a variety of points of view,

work with other people. I think different types of scholarship, different approaches to mounting exhibitions. "We'll do about four big shows a year, but one of the problems is that one tends to focus a lot on large ex-

EXHIBITIONS

**ADVERTISING** NOSTALGIA: Remember Oxydol and cars for less than £200? A trip to the day before yesterday. Museum of Lincolnshire Life, Burton Road, Lincoln (0522 528448). Mon-Sat 0am-5.30pm, Sun 2pm-5.30pm. Adult 80p, child 40p. Until June 24. NO 1 LONDON: A day of living history at the Duke of Wellington's home at Hyde Park Corner. Apsley House, Wellington Museum. Hyde Park Corner,

London W1 (01-499 5676). Next Set 11am-5pm. Adult £2, child, concessions £1.

PAINTER WITH PLANTS: Gertrude Jekyil's photographs of the garden at Munstead Wood near Godalming, Surrey, built for her by Lutyens in 1896. After London exhibition goes to Durham and York. Museum of Garden History, St Mary-at-Lambeth, next to Lambeth Palace (01-261 1891). Mon-Fri 11am-3pm, Sun 10.30am-5pm, Free. Until April 22

## he works of a Victorian

artist whose career began with passionate support for social reform and ended with an infatuation

auction in London next week. The remaining contents of Sir Hubert von Herkomer's studio, unseen since his death in 1914, will appear at Bonham's on Thursday. Sir Hubert was a leading figure in the late Victorian Royal

with early cinema come to

Academy. "Several people have come in whose parents knew him personally and who have things that belong to him," said Sophie May, who cat-alogued the sale. There has been a lot of interest from his neighbours in Bushey, Hertfordshire."

have begun, which is really the Von Herkomer was born a woodcarver's son at Raal near So was Mrs Thatcher right? Lanesberg in Bavaria in 1849. "The idea of a museum being His family moved to concerned with the contem-Southampton in 1857. A brief porary isn't new, it's what period at Southampton Art School was followed by fur-Henry Cole was interested in." ther training at Munich Academy in 1865. Sir Henry was the founder of the South Kensington Mu-

seum, forerunner of both the V & A and the Science Mu-Two years later he returned to England and attended another art school in South seum, whose self-appointed mission was to teach good Kensington, shortly before The Graphic, a weekly illustrated magazine, first appeared in 1869. The editor "It's a nonsense to suggest that we could build up a large enlisted von Herkomer and collection of everyday prodother young artists to provide ucts, but I think we can do all engravings to show the darker sorts of different displays in which we can deal with a number of different issues," side of mid-Victorian prosperity.

These engravings were later Ms Rees says.
The Sport '90 show is an worked up into some of the best-known pictures of examination of the influence of sport on design. For example, contemporary social realism: it looks at fabrics such as "Applicants for Admission to a Casual Ward" by Sir Luke Fildes (1834-1927), "Newgate - Committed For Trial" by Gortex, used to make skiers' suits because it allows the body to breathe without letting in Frank Holl (1845-88) and the cold, which has been "Hard Times", Herkomer's adapted to such uses as surgical membranes with which to

own study in rural poverty. The setting for this work was a country lane near his home, which became known as Hard Times Lane. Several

Welcome hard times

COLLECTING

Paintings by a Victorian social reformer will be sold next week. John Shaw reports.



Artist at work: Von Herkomer's "Hard Times" takes shape

pictures of roads included in the sale could be preparatory sketches for this picture, Miss May says. They are estimated at between £400-£600 and £500-£800. Motivated by a desire to

reform art education, he opened a school at Bushey in 1883. He took no payment as its professor, but his approach soon made it popular and students included Algernon Talmadge, George Harcourt, William Nicholson, Heywood Hardy, Charles Simpson and Lucy Kemp-Welch. He retired in 1904, but

bought the school back seven years later and established one of the first film studios in the country. A Gothic hall table (£80-£120) and matching pair of chairs (£80-£120) used in some of the early films should be of interest to the county

He married three times, on the second occasion to Lulu Griffiths, who died in 1885. Such was his devotion that he called his extravagant Hollywood-style "Luiuland".

Best known as a social realist, he also, with Alexander Fisher, helped pioneer the revival of enamelling. There are some examples of his metalwork on offer including a sterling silver bangle carved and chafed with his profile and that of his son, Lorenz

(£100-£150).

Much of the property belonged to Mrs Lulu Edith Herkomer, Lorenz's wife, who died 18 months ago. There are two charming pictures, "Watching for Barges" (£700-£1,000) and "In My Garden", showing a woman in a long white dress at a lakeside (£800-£1,200). They are restful paintings from the artist of such harsh scenes as "On

Strike". These evocative studio properties, often much more personal than big glossy gal-iery pictures, will attract a wide range of buyers, including large institutional collectors such as Manchester City Art Gallery, the current home of "Hard Times".

• Fine 19th-century English, continental and topographical pictures, Bonham's, Montpelier Street, Knightsbridge, London W7 (01-584 9161). Viewing: Mon and Tues 8.45am-7pm, Wed 8.45am-6pm. Sale: Thurs 11am.

SCOTTISH SELECTION: Fine furniture, clocks, rugs, and works of art including the contents of Craiglockhart House, Edinburgh, and the remaining contents of Lindsaylands, Biggar, to be sold in Glasgow. A sale of furniture and planos will come the following day in Edinburgh.
Philips, 207 Bath Street,
Glasgow (041 221 8377) and
65 George Street, Edinburgh (031 225 2266).

GLOBES GALORE: An unprecedented 70 lots of globes and orreries being sold at one time. From an 18thcentury 15½ in celestial globe by Leon Valk of Amsterdam with the constellations in colours (£7,000-£9,000) to an American example from the 1920s with jigsaw puzzles of each continent contained inside the globe (£250-£350). Christie's, South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (01-581

7611). Viewing: Tues 1-4.30pm, Wed 9am-4.30pm, Thurs 9am-noon. Sale: Thurs PLAY THAT THING:

Bassett Lowks among the railways, Dinky among the cars, a Minic boxed clockwork bus, and an excellent Li'i Abner and the Dogpatch Band, a tinplate clockwork performing group (£300-£400). The Americans are already interested in taking this band back to the US. Andrew Hartley Pine Arts,

Victoria Hall, Little Lane, likley, Yorkshire (0943 81638 ving: today 9.30am-1 pm Sale: today 1.30pm. FURNITURE FEAST: 250 lots of assorted furniture, silver, and plate from a Paul Storr mustard pot to a complete Clarice Cliff coffee service which will draw the collectors to Suffolk. H. C. Wolton & Son, 6 Whiting Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk (1)284 761336). Viewing: Tues 2.30-8pm. Sale: Wed 10.30sm.

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## Three thousand leagues across the sea

Graham Rock and his wife Joan are representing The Times in the London to Peking Motoring Challenge which

sets off on April 7 t eight o'clock in the morning on April 7, a 1912 Lancia Simplex Speedster will be driven sedately from Hyde Park, past Marble Arch and along Piccadilly, en route for China; accompanied by the band of the

vehicles, all hoping to complete the London to Peking Motoring The drive is the culmination of five years' planning by Philip Morrell and the staff of his travel company, Voyages Jules Verne, his initiative has led to the opening of the Russian-Chinese border between Alma-Ata and

Welsh Guards it will be leading 70

Yining. The challenge is neither a rally nor a race; participants will have succeeded if they arrive safely at the Italian Embassy in Peking, a site chosen in deference to Prince Scipione Borghese who, with the journalist Luigi Barzini, won the 1907 Peking to Paris race. Driving an Ital, they pioneered a northern route through Siberia, over the Urals and then via St Petersburg

and Berlin to Paris. The participants of 1990 will take 54 days, making their way to Istanbul, where the convoy will assemble before departing for Turkey, Georgia and Baku. The cars will cross the Caspian Sea by ferry, the Oxus River on specially constructed pontoons, drive through Turkestan to the Silk Road, labour through the Gobi Desert, inspect the Terracotta Army at Xi'an, and reach Peking

For those unwilling to drive 9,162 miles, a spectator coach will accompany the tour, as will a repair van carrying essential tools and spares.

The challengers are as diverse as the vehicles, with a sprinkling of European nobility and American new money among the nine nations represented. Cars produced by Rolls-Royce, Bugatti and Mercedes will motor beside two Model A Fords, a Morris Minor, a Lada and a 1939 BSA motorbike and sidecar. Baron Guy de



Practice run: Graham Rock (in the driver's seat) and his wife Joan test drive their Mercedes-Benz in preparation for the challenges of the 9,162 mile journey from Marble Arch, London, to the Italian Embassy, Peking

Wimnel will attempt the trip in a London taxi.

Entry for the Motoring Challenge is not for the faint of wallet. Drivers will have paid £10,000 and passengers £5,000; it is costly to bring back vehicles - about £2,000 - and not particularly practical to sell them at the end of

Colin Mole, who gave up his job as an electrician six months ago to concentrate on the challenge, has found it hard to raise the fee. Despite driving a very British Morris Minor, he could not find sponsorship from a British company, but the Soviet and Chinese tourist associations stepped in.

ur own experience to obtain a vehicle for The Times is simply recorded: Land Rover fawned and then fled; Mitsubishi was dismissive ("We can't get enough Shoguns for our customers"), but Mercedes-Benz delivered the goods in the sleek shape of a £37,000 300SE saloon. Contemplating its leather in-

terior, our first thought was to pack a couple of sleeping bags; the seats might prove more comfortable than the beds we will en-

counter on the way. Some drivers will continue to Hong Kong and Jose Lisboa from Portugal is hoping to attract the attention of the Guinness Book of Records by starting at Sagres on

University is a must

for my chosen

the west coast of Portugal, joining the challenge in Paris and, after reaching Hong Kong, continuing to Macau, a journey of 13,000

Mr Lisboa has spent some time trying to persuade the Soviet and Chinese authorities to permit his private plane to accompany him hroughout, and he will be taking along two South American mu-

sicians, armed with flutes, guitars and bongo drums. Others on the trip with similar inclinations have been asked by the organizers to pack their musical instruments.

The Lisboa Trio hopes to entertain the citizens en route in return for the proposed hospitality, which includes official dinners, several concerts and a son et lumière in Samarkand.

**London to Peking** 

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What began as an unlikely dream has become reality for Philip Morrell, who remembers the pascent months of the challenge: "We planned the trip as if the Russian-Chinese border were

"However, it soon developed into a situation where officials from both countries were saying that they would agree to the border

being opened if the other side agreed. We were cabling the Russian Embassy every other day. and we cabled Gorbachov." An agreement was eventually

reached and a series of train

ourneys between London and Xi'an were staged. There was no track for 220 miles between Alma-Ata and Yining, so the passengers had to cross the border by road. The challengers will take a route which broadly tracks the established rail journey and, once the event is over, Mr Morrell believes that the moad will be open to all. Challengers signed up as long

ago as the summer of 1988 and the event has survived the political upheavals of the past year. The original route, through Azerbaijan and Baku, was abandoned for a while in favour of another route further north, but a more settled political environment has put it back on the itinerary.

The Tiananmen Square massacre could have put paid to the challenge, but Mr Morrell is aware of the pragmatic expediency of the Chinese. "Remember, we ran a tour by train into China three months after Tiananmen Square. I didn't think the events would jeopardize the challenge; after all, we are the largest supplier of European tourists to China."

Political problems have not been confined to Asia. The conservative mayor of Paris, Jacques Chirac, gave permission for the convoy to drive down the Champs Elysées, but the French traffic police, controlled by the Socialists, refused on the grounds that a skateboarding championship was taking place at the same time. After frantic negotiations in Paris last week, an uneasy compromise

was reached. Mr Morrell is diplomatic about the difficulties of organizing not only the route, but also the participants. "These are not ordinary tourists. They are 160 individuals from different social backgrounds, all with personal requirements and quite different from the sort of clients you would

get on a package tour," he said. Voyages Jules Verne has made arrangements for fuel to be supplied throughout, using tankers at specified points, and some of the worst deprivations have been eliminated. "Where basic facilities don't exist, such as in the middle of the Gobi Desert, we've had to provide them.

Those unable to participate in the Motoring Challenge can take heart. Voyages Jules Verne has organized a London to Saigon event next year, with an optional extension to Singapore, and the team has already started work on a London to New York event, via Siberia and Alaska. Book early to avoid disappointment.

• Graham Rock will file regular reports to The Times from the London to Peking Challenge.

#### **CAMPUS**

Choosing a course and a place of study is not as simple as it sounds, but don't despair

t's that time of year when school-leavers are being forced to think about their future. They wonder whether sixth-form examinations really have significance, influenced, perhaps, by members of school staff who are starting to mumble about predictions or by the realization that they do not have the faintest idea of what they want to do next. Suddenly remaining as a student becomes an attractive prospect. There is no rush to join the real world.

It is often difficult for teachers to understand that not everyone is so sure of their future that they are certain of their desire to study mechanical engineering or medicine. In subjects such as psychology, which is popular at the moment, the student has not had any experience and knows only that it sounds more interesting than yet more maths or, worse, law ("always a good degree, even if you're not thinking of carrying it on any further"). Little do these advisors know that a law degree is notorious for being one of the most boring of all. Help, as always, is in limited supply. "You're not the only person in this class/school/ family" (delete as applicable). When you have crossed that first barrier, and have decided that not only do you want to remain a student but you know what it is you want to study, the fun really starts. The choice of polytechnic or

university is not as straight-

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spectuses, you are likely to follow one of two options. The first is particularly applicable if you are the eldest son or daughter, or the first in the family to attend university. The whole system of applications is a new experience to you and your parents, and thus can seem exciting. Often even the school staff take an interest. You spend your time reading intently and, naturally, are anxious to go to all possible open days, even though some people suspect you do it simply for the chance to get time off school. If you follow this method you are likely to end up confused by everything and will either make the perfect decision or give up and take a year off. If you are the youngest child, your parents have seen

it all before and know that this momentous decision will seem momentous only to you. You will probably find that your school or college, knowing something of your background, will leave you to get on with everything yourself.

you must remember that it is a

Having received no help, you make your choices primarily because you have heard other people's favourable reports. However, heard other

university as a sister or brother. Not only have they seen it all before, but particularly when you are in the first year, they are likely to keep trying to prove that their knowledge is superior to yours. Your parents, by this time, will know the system and you will have very little chance of persuading them that first year lectures start at 3pm when they try to phone you every morning before you

Hopefully this advice from an old hand of two terms will be of use. Whatever college you choose, stick with it, and eventually you will convince yourself, and everyone else, that this was exactly the place you always wanted to attend. Wherever you go, it should be enjoyable. After all, the fun starts when you get there. Sarah Ebner is a student at the London School of

he GCSE examination is now in its third year and, despite some obvious improvements over the old O level system, there do seem to be some problem areas. In many subjects course work is worth a substantial proportion of the total marks,

and success or failure in this can produce totally difachieved by sitting examination papers.

Much can depend on the

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teacher who marks the course work. A selection of work from each school is then sent to a moderator. There is a problem with this system: those of us fortunate enough to attend private schools are often expected to produce work of a high standard, and teachers may subconsciously have higher expectations for their pupils' work and there-fore are more stringent when awarding high grades. Simi-larly, it is possible that in any school teachers mark work too generously as a form of encouragement for pupils who are a little weak in the subject.

I would suggest that GCSE moderators dislike altering too many marks for two main reasons: first, it can be seen as an insult to the set tutor and, second, alteration of marks involves much paperwork. Who is to moderate the moderator? Time is important for all of us, and many moderators have to teach in schools as well as keep to deadlines.

· Jeremy Stowe is a pupil at Leeds Grammar School

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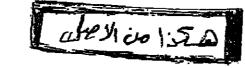
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#### **EATING OUT**

White bean dishes can be a delight or a disaster. Jonathan Meades tastes both sides in cassoulet and feijoada

## One too many for the pot

he greatest of all dishes based on the dried white bean is cassoulet; though Paula Wolfert, in The Cooking of South West France, contends that before that bean was cultivated in France it was prepared with broad beans (as it still is at Andre Daguin's Hotel de France in Auch). Both Elizabeth David and the late Jane Grigson suggest that the beans should be of the Soissons or Arpajon varieties. Mrs Grigson's recipe in Charcuterie and French Port Cooking remains, incidentally, the soundest and, typically, least dogmatic of those which I know in English. Leaving aside the endless potential for argument over what meats should be included, I'd suggest that Soissons beans are too large - after soaking they're anything up to an inch in length and surately thick. The celebrated Gascon chef Raymond Oliver gives several recipes in Art et Magie de la Cuisine (1956), but doesn't stipulate what sort of bean should be used. Nor, for that matter does Ford Madox Ford: Cyril Ray's Compleat Imbiber 14 reprints an article of Mr Ford's in which that most French of English novelists states that "from Montpellier, France, the dish spread to Montpelier, Vermont, and so to Massachusetts, where, simplified, it became Boston baked beans and port. Mr Ford also stated in The Philosophy of The Kitchen Garden, that he had once seen a mirage of Boulogne from the Marine Promenade at Folkestone - so maybe his version of the dish's migration and mutation should be taken with a pinch of something or other. He also reports that in Castelnaudary grated cheese is added to the cassoulet just before serving. Can this ever have been the case? Regrettably, yes; regrettably, the practice of throwing in anything still persists. Cassoulet, like pot au feu, comes as a godsend to the indiscriminate cook and to the corner-cutting chef. More chefs make it badly than make it well and thus those who might make it well

are deterred because the enterprise has acquired a bad name - that, anyway, may be the main reason why none of the top flight London ches habitually essays it. Another cause of their shunning it is the practical one of portion-control, of ensuring that each diner gets a bit of confit, a bit of fresh pig, a bit of salt

The chef at Cassis in Putney cannot, in all honesty, be accused of belonging to the top flight. He blithely bodges a cassoulet that is as disappointing as this season's performance by the cassoulet-nurtured French rugby XV; like that team, Cassis's cassoulet is lacklustre and tired. Furthermore it is greasy, and contains, of all things, leeks. This simply isn't on. And nor is the presence of duck which tastes as though it has been reheated over several weeks. If the duck was confit, which I doubt, it had been subjected to that preserving process for too little time - confit duck is akin to "corned" meat, it is filamentous. The stuff here is merely over-boiled. The confection otherwise comprises a passable Toulouse sausage, some flabby garlic sausage, vagrant lumps of salt pork and tiny beans. I'm afraid, too, that there was tomato in there somewhere.

This is an establishment that is better at shopping than at cooking. It has shopped well for Sixties film posters - not the films of Godard, Resnais and the art-mob, but films with titles such as Mélodie en soussol (with Gabin and Delon), Maigret voit rouge (Gabin), Comme s'il en pleurait (Eddy Constantine). It shops well, too: for its andouillette, which it doesn't mess about; for its excellent cheeses; and for its meat - a decent entrecôte was served with a decent bordelaise sauce (which is, I admit, cooking). Vegetables are mainly notable for having been dunked in cream, and a broccoli soup for being composed of green water. Le Tout Putney appears to accept what's thrown at it without question. The service is brisk (and brusque), the prices are



low, the wines are perfectly acceptable. Two devotees of non-evolved London French bistros will pay

lthough Soissons and Arpajon are both situated in the Ile de France, it's as likely as not that the white bean, which is of central American origin, found its way to France by way of Spain. One facet of France's culinary culture is its talent for borrowing and improving on the cooking of its neighbours. The best German cooking is to be found in Alsace. Similarly cassoulet may derive, as its modern form, from the northern Spanish white bean stew called fabada which, in turn, is etymologically linked to the Portuguese (and Brazilian) feijoada.

The dish may be transatlantic, the names are cisatlantic. Casa Santana does a feijoada which hints at the visceral richness of a true cassoulet, its ingredients may be those of the indigent kitchen but the dish is not used as a dustbin. On the other

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could not get away from serving it for the simple reason that its clientele is not composed of French autochthons. The clientele at Casa Santana is, in contrast, Portuguese: Golborne Road is the western boundary of Iberian London, which stretches east through Westbourne Park and Harrow Road and Maida Hill and Paddington to Edgware Road. This is not the Iberian London of opportunistic tapas bars, but where the majority of the peninsular immigrants lives (a minority lives in Elephant and Castle, Kennington, Lambeth).

The sun - and I believe we're all agreed on this one - does not shine from the north-east. Were it to, it would make the Trellick Tower cast its shadow down Golborne Road. The Trellick Tower is the sculptural marvel that rises (bi-partite: flats and separate lift shaft) to the north of the Westway. It dominates Golborne Road which is a poor man's Portobello. It is the block where Martin Amis's idealized selfportrait, Keith Talent, lives with his dog Clive in London Fields. The facade of Casa Santana recalls the author of animal stories, Alison Utley. Stuck on this facade is an elevation of a house with a steeply pitched roof like that where Hare and his chums lived. What would they have made of Casa Santana's offal-rich feijoadd? Hare would, I hope, have loved it; hares eat the

brains of baby rabbits. This stew

comprises beans, pork morcela (black or blood pudding), chourico (sausage flavoured with pimenton and chilli), pig cheek, smoked pork. It is brick red, not from any intrusion of tomato but from further dosage of pimenton. It's served with rice. There are several other good, unrefined dishes to be had here: char-grilled squid; char-grilled salt cod; a chourico set on the table in a flaming pottery pig which is designed to such an end and which is cut-away to allow oil to be poured inside it and set light to.
The sweets — baked apple, etc

are all right, and so is the cheese. But the smart move is across the road to the Lisboa Pâtisserie which does numbingly sweet egg custard tarts and a variety of other cakes that shout about Portugal's proximity to

Casa Santana is, as I say, not intended for other than a Portuguese clientele. The concessions it makes to British taste are touchingly wrong-headed: mint-sauce is offered with lamb, for instance. Men (but not women) come in for lunch and eat either at the bar or in front of bleeping video consoles. There's a lot of hanging about. The pop music is (natch) Portuguese and sounds (natch) like the Bee Gees in translation. I very much doubt whether the decor will win any awards. But the wine might: the house wine is Dao by the (vast) pitcher and is apt - it goes with the grub. Two will pay about £32.

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Stars — up to a maximum of 10 - are for cooking rather than swags and chandeliers. Prices are for a three-course meal for two. They include an aperitif and modest wine in the case of French places, tee in the case of oriental ones and so on. \*\*\*\*

Prices change: they usually go up. Dishes also may have changed — they are given only as an indication of the establishment's repertoire. I accept no responsibility for disappointments and claim no credit for happy surprises. Always phone first. J.M.

ECLECTIC

755 Futham Road, London SW6 (01-736 8524) \*\*\*\*

Dimly it, swishly decorated have for the braying middle class. Service is exceptionally smooth and much of the cooking is good. mousse, fine crame brible, well selected English and French fermhouse cheeses, 250.

Atactair Little 49 Frith Street, London W1 (01-734 5183) \*\*\*\*\*

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Austers surroundings.Terrific cooking though, by the former page three boy of the "Gastroporn" world. The menu changes twice daily and the eclecticism (north haism, Darish, Japanese) might suggest indecision — but Little takes it all on board, gives everything his own sure and gimmictiess twist, and is completely in control of his treentions and materials. Fairly priced wines, utilitarian though triendly service. £70.

Nichol's 75 Fairfax Road, London NW6 (01-624 3880) \*\*\*\*

At first glance this appears to be yet another standard issue late Eighties suburban restaurant Eighties suburban restaurant purveying a sort of modified nouvelle cuisine. Further investigation reveals it to be a serious and often inspired place whose cooking is both technically sound and very tasty: leanb tongut with grain mustard sauce, smoked haddock salad with chive buther sauce, fullitation of sweetineads and iddneys, tremendous fondant potatoes with a crisp crust, fine sweets. 245 plus.

143 Ebury Street, London SW1 (01-730 4099)

Small individua Small individualistic place on the fringes of Belgravia. The wines are outstanding and so is some of the cooking, notably the earthy dishes such as a quasi cassoulet of lentils and confits of duck and pheasant. But too many dishes are overambitious and rather gimmicky compositions. Sweets are good. 955.

The Roebuck, Brimfield, Ludlow, Shropshire (058 472 There are all sorts of good things here: Dunkerton's cider, delicious

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cheeses, nice wines at decent prices. Beyond all that is the cooking which is restrained, savoury, pleasing. The chef, Carole Evans, is good at fruit with meet and even better at local, i.e., freshwater, fish. £58.

192 Kensington Park Road, London W11 (01-229 0482)

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大大大大 Wine ber cum restaurant that Wine bar cum restaurant that serves simple and commendable cooking in a small ground floor space and a targer basement. The decorative scheme is easy Eighties and tooks rather shabby. The service is gormless. The prices, however, are friendly. Phessant leg stuffed with forcement, lamb's hyrads with orions and articholos. stumed with forcement, letter a breads with notions and artichoke, pear and aimond ten and so on. The wines are inexpensive and well chosen. £40.

Tail Orders 676 Fulham Road, London SW6 (01-371 9673) \*\*\*\*

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Simple, fresh, brilliantly prepared dishes of a vaguely north Italian provenance served in Chinese steamers: turus with winte beans, chicken with aioli, raw salmon with puacemole, cotechino with lentils, chocolate mousse with rum lelly, chocolate mousse with suits dishes that are not required to be more than lunkwarm. The chof, Nick Gill, had a Michelin star at his last poet and has abandoned the mousseand has abandoned the mouses-and-servilty school in favour of a terrific centeen. The design is DIY Richard Rogers, the animation is considerable. £36.

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The Quality Chop House 94 Farringdon Road, London EC1 (01-837 5093) \*\*\*\*

A former working men's dining rooms with high back settles and unadomed wooden tables. The restoration of the premises has been executed with diligence and been executed with diagence and sobriety. The cooking is mostly grits — west chop with mustard sauce, rib eye stask and so on. The meat is excellent and the timing is spot on. The salmon fish cakes with sorrel sauce are lovely. An extractive welcome address in an altogether welcome address in an area where decent establishments are thin on the ground. £28-£40.

Mustard's 60 Long Lane, London EC1 (01-796 4920)

Cute and fashionable menu which Cute and tasmonable menu which traw across the globe. Fish cakes are all right and so is a sausage flavoured with mustard saed. 250.

YORK

McCoy's 17 Skeldergate, York (0904 612191) \*\*\*\*

Yorkshire's finest rea Yorkshire's finest restaurateurs, the McCoy triplets, have converted a sometime warehouse baside the Ouse. The cooking is akin to that at their home-base bistro at Staddlebridge: great boudin noir; calf liver; steak and iddney pie. The place is all brick and dark wood, the view is beguling. £30-£50.

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Or a sapodilla for that matter? I am old enough to remember a childhood without tropical fruit and the excitement with which we welcomed the post-war return of bananas and pineapples. Now such fruit are everyday familiars. To rank as exotic nowadays, fruit has not only to be far from home (winter strawberries are that), but

practically unheard of, too. The leaders in the field (apart, of course, from Harrods food halls and adventurous independents) have been Safeway and Waitrose. Visits to local branches of Tesco, Marks & Spencer and Sainsbury early this week yielded only kiwifruit, papaya and mangoes (everywhere), and carambola (also known as starfruit). There were fresh dates at Tesco and apple bananas (miniature, thinly skinned and sweeter than the usual ones) at Sainsbury, but Waitrose was also offering Israeli kumquats, passionfruit from Zimbabwe, Brazilian guavas, Japanese pears, Tientsin-ya pears from China, Jamaican ugli fruit and Colombian tamarilloes.

Fancy foreign fruits are a rapidly expanding market. Last year Britons ate five times more mangoes than they did 10 years ago. Papaya (or pawpaw), which is available from many different countries, and sharon fruit (which is Israel's improved version of the Italian persimmon) are already following, or even overtaking, mangoes in popularity.

The exotic success which everyone envies is that of kiwifruit (originally actinidia or Chinese gooseberry), the erstwhile symbol of nouvelle cuisine. Kiwifruit is blessed with a bright green colour and a pleasant, slightly sour flavour. It also has the virtue of keeping for weeks and is actually good for you too. A kiwifruit contains more vitamin C than a lemon.

Nowadays, kiwifruit sell even in small village greengrocers' stores for as little as 15p. What will be the next exotic to emulate such ubiqui-

## Exotic fruits are providing a thrill for

**FOOD** 



gum. The sapodilla fruit looks a bit like a potato, but has yellowish-red pulp which is very sweet when ripe — and very astringent if not. "It tastes like an extra-sweet pear," Ms Gahunia says. "It has lots of potential if we can sell enough to get the price

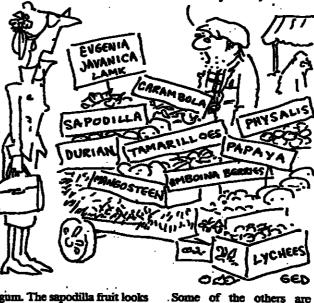
Ms Gahnnia's most recent successful innovation is the coquito nut - a sort of cocktail coconut from Chile. You can, Ms Gahunia suggests, dip it in chocolate for a home-made coconut-flavoured sweet, or coat it in marzipan Carambola, a widely grown

Indian native with a smooth, waxy skin and five prominent ribs which give slices the shape of a star, tastes like a watery dessert gooseberry and would sell on visual appeal alone. There is also a sour version with a tart taste. sometimes used to make iced drinks, but that is not imported here. Ms Gahunia says she had a delicious cheesecake topped with carambola in Israel, which could give home cooks a new idea for something to do with it.

Another exotic with strong visual appeal is physalis (a.k.a. tous popularity? Cape gooseberry), the bary
Val Gahunia, the exotics tomato-like berry which buyer for Safeway, pioneer in comes with the fly-away wings the field, thinks it could be the of a straw-coloured calyx, sapodilla, the fruit of the resembling a Chinese lantern. evergreen tree whose best- It is served coated in fondant known product is its sap, icing in restaurants, but is also chicle, which makes chewing delicious untreated.

British taste-buds, Robin Young says

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variations on a theme, Babaco is a Central and South American relative to the papaya, handicapped for the present by its larger size and consequently higher price, but good for making ices or drinks. Granadilla is an alternative name for a variety of passionfruit. Lychees, which come, confusingly, from the soapberry tree, have been popularized by Chinese restaurants, but the biggest crop of fresh fruit now comes from South Africa and tends to overshadow the more colour-ful but similar-tasting rambutan whose bright red skin is covered with soft, curly spines. Rambutans are juicy and taste rather like extra sweet Muscat grapes.

rickly pear (sometimes called Indian or Barbary fig) is the succulent fruit of the Opuntia cactus, a national symbol of Mexico. The pulp, reached by slitting the skin lengthwise, is bright red, sweet and juicy with a mealy consistency -- good for spiking fruit salads.

One of the most delicious tropical fruits, and until recently one of the rarest, is the mangosteen - a tangerinesized fruit with a purplish rind. The pulp is segmented like an orange, soft and melting, with a sweet, slightly acidic flavour rather like that of a fully ripe plum.

Neither Ms Gabunia nor I

can say we are much smitten with tamarillo, but I see it regularly in Safeway and Waitrose. It is distantly related to the tomato, and the orange-red or violet fruit is egg-shaped and sharp to taste. It is best cut in half and sprinkled with sugar to cat raw, or served stewed.

New Zealand, the adopted home of the kiwifruit and creator of its international popularity, has another entrant in the exotic fruit stakes. The kiwano, or horned melon, is a relative of the cucumber with a downy, orange, tough skin, prickly to touch. "I ate it as it was and I was totally dismayed - I could not taste anything," Ms Gahunia says.
"But when our home economists followed one of the New Zealanders' leaflet suggestions and scooped out the flesh to mix with yoghurt and honey, it was delicious."

Tesco has just finished tasting trials for an extended range of exotic fruits which it intends to introduce at the end of April. Its choice of fruits includes Cape gooseberries, fresh dates, granadilla, paw-paw, passionfruit, carambola, lychees, sharon fruit, pomegranates and fresh figs. For the present, it will not offer rambutans, tamarillo, babaco, guava, kiwano, mangosteen, sapodilla or prickly pear - but all those are already available to Safeway branch managers willing to give them a try. It is already easier to buy mangosteens than medlars, or

tamarilloes than quinces, and

there is no shortage of other

exotics we might soon see in our shops. No supermarket yet dares stock durian, whose pervasive and repulsive foetid odour hides the most extraordinarily delicious flavours. Durian is confined to Chinese shops as, apparently, are iongans - another variant on lychees - with the blissful scientific name Euphoria longana. I have not seen That rose apoles (Eugenia javanica Lamk) in Britain, the genuine jujube (or Chinese date), the succulent West Indian mammee apple, the orange-red ambarella or amboina berry, or Scandinavian cloudberries. Ms Gahunia remembers something she saw sold in Singapore as snakefruit, but she was not able to ascertain its proper identity or find a source of supply. For the

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suggests some simple ways to make sure that

Mothering Sunday

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omorrow is Mothering Sunday, so here are a few simple recipes just in case someone else feels like cooking Sunday lunch, The centrepiece is a handsome roast chicken which needs little preparation and which can be forgotten about once it is in the oven. Because it is cooked in a roasting bag, there is no need to baste it. Unadorned with sauces, spices and other disguises, the flavour of the chicken will be immediately apparent.

A boring (I was going to say old, but in fact they are young which partly explains their lack of fla-your) intensively reared chicken is not worth cooking in this way. Because they reach their table weight at only six or seven weeks old, they are not mature, and the flesh, while white and tender, is insipid. A real free-range chicken takes longer to reach table weight and is thus an older bird with more flavour and texture. One of my local butchers has started stocking the French Label Rouge birds, which are raised on a diet of 70 per cent cereal, and reach a minimum age of 84 days. These are firm textured and full flavoured, and the carcass after roasting makes marvellous stock for soup. There are also some British poultry rearers who produce excellent free-range chickens,

and many supermarkets sell them. However, it the other kind of chicken is all you can get, the flavour can be enhanced by putting more herbs, spices, garlic, ginger, orwhat you will, inside the chicken before you put it in the roasting bag. Slivers of ginger and garlic can be inserted under the skin, and you can rub the bird all over with soy sauce or lemon juice and paprika. Smallish jacket potatoes can be put in the oven to cook at the same time as the chicken, or thinly sliced putatoes layered in an ovenproof dish with thinly sliced onion, seasoning, full cream milk and a



little butter, or stock to replace the

milk and butter. You might end the meal with some sliced oranges, fresh fruit salad or rhubarb fool, and start it with some smoked fish or Parma ham. Here is another easy starter which requires no cooking and very little preparation, although careful shopping is important. You need, for four people, a ripe avocado or two, two Mozzarella cheeses and half a dozen firm but ripe tomatoes, of which there are some good, fragrant specimens around at the moment. Peel the avocado, remove the stone, and slice all three ingredients. Arrange on individual plates. Douse liberally with extra virgin olive oil, add a few grinds of black pepper and sea salt and a small splash of sherry vinegar or other good quality wine vinegar. Mozzarella and tomatoes are better on their

avocados. Smoked mackerel and Arbroath smokies are also very good prepared in the following way:

own if you cannot find ripe

Smoked trout with cucumber and

Prepare the cucumber and horse-radish cream several hours in

4 smoked trout salad leaves

temon or time wedges

4 tosp cucumber and norse-radish

Skin the trout and place on individual plates with a selection of small salad leaves. Slice or cut the lemon or lime into wedges and arrange two or three pieces on each plate. Spoon some of the cream on to the plates and serve with brown bread or toast.

Cucumber and horse-radish cream (Serves 4 to 6)

1 cucumber 1tsp salt

2 thsp grated horse-radish 1 or 2 cloves garlic, optional

1tbsp double cream 2-3tbsp thick plain yoghurt

Peel the cucumber and slice in half lengthways. Scrape out the seeds, and grate the cucumber into a sieve. Sprinkle with salt, set the sieve over a bowl, and let it drain

for a few hours. A great deal of

liquid will be given off. Rinse the cucumber and squeeze dry in a clean teatowel. Mix the cucumber with the horse-radish, garlic if using it, cream and yoghurt. Refrig-erate until required. You will probably be able to pour off more liquid before using it. A dusting of paprika or cayenne pepper can be added at the last minute, if you wish. This cream is also very good with cold cuts, including smoked turkey, chicken and spiced beef.

Roast chicken (Serves 4 to 6) 3-4lb/1.35-1.80kg free-range

chicken peppe

bay leaf twist of lemon zest

handful of parsley stalks

4thsp good dry white wine or water,

Remove excess fat from the body cavity. Lightly season the bird inside and out, and out the bay leaf. lemon zest and parsley stalks inside the cavity. Carefully ease the skin away from the breast and, with

your fingers, spread the butter over the flesh under the skin, put the bird inside a roasting bag slit in two or three places on the top (so that the juices will not run out) and seal the bag. Place in the top half of a pre-heated oven, and roast at 200°C/400°F/gas mark 6, for 14 to 11/2 hours. Remove from the oven and, having untied the bag, carefully run off the juices into a saucepan. If there is plenty, you might not need to add the wine or

water. In either case, bring the liquid to the boil, and let it simmer gently while you carve or cut up the bird. Save the carcass for the soup

Chicken noodle soup (Serves 4) i roast chicken carcass

! medium onion 4 cloves 1 carrot

celery stalk 1 bay leaf 1/2 lemon

3oz/85g very thin dried pasta salt, pepper (optional) 1tbsp finely chopped parsley

the carcass, cover and refrigerate. Peel and quarter the onion, and stick a clove in each piece. Peel and roughly chop the carrot; trim and chop the celery. Chop or cut up the chicken carcass, and put in a large saucepan with the vegetables, bay leaf and thinly pared lemon zest. You can also add parsley stalks and a chopped leek for extra flavour if you have them. Cover with water, bring to the boil, and simmer for 11/2 to 2 hours. Strain the soup into a clean saucepan, and simmer until reduced to 11/2-2pt/850ml-1.15l. Break up the pasta into lin/2.5cm lengths and boil in the soup until tender. Season to taste, and add a little lemon juice, if you like, as well as stirring in the chopped parsley and reserved chicken.

Remove any scraps of meat from

The simnel cake, that dense, rich confection of fruit and marzipan, although a part of Mothering Sunday traditions in the past, is now more often served at Easter time. Requiring 11/21b of marzipan, it is a rich and expensive cake to make. Instead, I suggest this almond cake, which has a lovely flavour and texture. Serve it after lunch with coffee or as a teatime cake. It would also make a very good present.

Almond cake for Mothering Sunday 1/2/2009 softened unsalted butter 1/2/230g caster sugar

5 eggs 6oz/170g plain flour, sifted

%lb/110g ground almonds tbsp Amaretto or 1tsp almond ence, optional

1oz/30g flaked or halved blanched almonds

Line and grease an 8in/20cm cake tin, and pre-heat the oven to 180°C/350°F/gas mark 4. Cream the butter and sugar together until pale and fluffy. Separate the eggs, and beat the yolks in a bowl set over hot water until light and foamy. Whisk the egg whites. Mix the egg yolks into the creamed mixture, and then fold in the flour. ground almonds and Amaretto or almond essence, if using it. Lastly, fold in the egg whites very gently into the mixture, which should now have a soft dropping consistency. Spoon it into the cake tin, and level the top, making a slight depression in the centre. Arrange the almond halves on top, or simply scatter the flakes at random. Bake for about 14 hours or until a warmed skewer inserted deep into the middle of the cake comes out

### DRINK

## Teutonic, Gallic or both?

"Good wine", so they say, "needs no bush". Yet the fine wines of Alsace continue to struggic, rather than stride, on to our wine shop shelves. 1988's export figures to the United Kingdom of 2.3 million bottles, an increase of 24 per cent on the previous year, may look impressive, but figures for 1989 show a 3 per cent drop. For years, it seems, the story has been the same: UK wine merchants praise the dry, lively, aromatic fruit of Alsace white wines, which are greeted mostly with indifference by their customers. Alsace has, and I suspect always will have, an

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mage problem. Situated in north-east France and separated from Germany by the River Rhine, Aisace and its wines are often confused with those of their less quality-minded neighbours. Last December Johnny Hugel, from Hugel & Fils which celebrated its 350th antiversary last year, pointed out: "The identity of Alsace wines is not established yet n's better to put us among the white burgundies, which share the same high quality, but we will have to fight for that." Olivier Humbrecht, from the Alsace company Domaine Zind-Humbrecht, shares M Hugel's concern. "We have very strange names, we have so many wines. It's frightening for the consumer. But it can be an advantage. If there is no choice, then there is no pleasure, it's boring. The only problem for us is to reach the

Deople "
This is not as easy as it sounds. For a start the presentation of Alsace wines, in tall, green, fluir bottles with heavy Gothic script, is more German in style than French. Important Absec wine villapes such as Riquewihr. Kaysersberg and Eguisheim sound more Teutonic than Gallic, Similarly, the new

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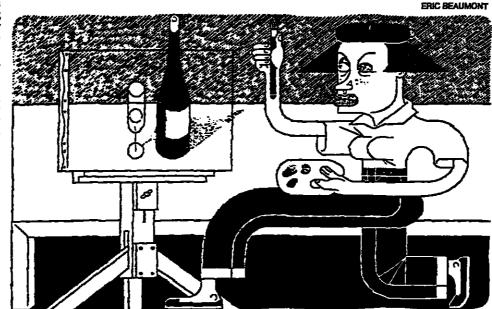
Alsace grand cru vineyard designation boasts names such as Osterberg, Hengst and Spiegel. And anyone who has visited this pretty region with its neat vineyards surrounding medieval villages, will know how like Germany and unlike France Alsace looks.

It is not coincidence that has created this confusion. Despite the fiercely French attitude of its people today, Alsace was German for many years. As a result of the Thirty Years' War, the Franco-Prussian War and the First and Second World Wars, Alsace switched from Germany to France, to Germany, and back again, until 1944, when it finally became French. As a result, the wine-making traditions of Alsace are a mix between those of France and Germany.

The confusion continues when wine drinkers take their first sip of an Alsace wine. These wines may smell sweetly aromatic, but they taste bone dry. So, instead of the anticipated sweet, grapey German wine flavours, tastebuds register a dry, almost ausiere wine style. To confuse drinkers even further, the seven leading grape varieties of Alsace display a similar mix between French and German

The most widely planted top three Alsace variety is the Germanic Riesling grape that produces the finest Alsace wines, with amazing flowery, steely elegance that reminds me of limes and lime blossom. The next most popular Alsace grape is France's Pinot Blanc. whose best wines offer soft, fruity, almost pineapple-like flavours, reminiscent of the Chardonnay grape. In third

Wine-drinkers often have a confused picture of Alsace wines, but it's time to give them a chance, Jane MacOuitty says



position is the distinctive Gewürztraminer grape, another German variety. whose powerful, spicy, lychee, rose and violet-scented wines are the most distinctive in the wine world. Next in line is red wine. After that comes the percentage of hodgepodge Sylvaner which,

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grapes,

only red variety of Alsace, Burgundy's Pinot Noir grape. Grown in the more northerly but still sunny Alsace region, the Pinot Noir grape here Alsace, like most French wine produces more of a rose than a regions, also has a small

grape variety of Alsace is the fragrant, grapey, floweringcurrent like Muscat that goes down well as an apéritif.

nated by the 'We have so many wines it's humdrum for frightening for the consumer' Chasselas. With this background of confusion, Alsace desperately needs a clutch

gion's 32,000 acres of vines. classy Tokay-Pinot Gris grape which is becoming increasof first-class vintages to encourage drinkers to get to ingly popular with the grape grips with its wine styles and growers of Alsace, due to its promote its good wine-making unusual, smoky bouquet and rich, full-bodied palate that is name. At last nature has obliged with the splendid '88s. at its best with food and needs deemed the best vintage since Blanc, from the Bennwihr cotime to mature. The seventh

'83, and the superlative '89s. thought by many producers to be the best they have ever seen and similar to the great '76 vintage. Both the '88 and '89 vintages were early; '88 was a fortnight earlier than usual after an early flowering, followed by a sunny summer and mixed weather at vintage time that did not seem to harm the crop. A long, sunny autumn in 1988 ensured that large quantities of vendange tardive, or late-picked, wines were made in addition to the Séléction de Grains Nobles, or late-harvested Alsace wines affected by noble rot, and as such sweet and luscious in

The '89 harvest came in three weeks earlier than usual and appears to have been a textbook vintage with, for once, not a cloud in the sky. The flowering was again ear-lier than usual, and the summer that followed was magnificent. Less late-harvest style wines appear to have been made in '89, and there are womies, too, about the disastrously high yields some growers aimed for, in some cases twice the level that quality producers would have looked for. Yet, if yields were kept down, as the glorious wines I tasted in December most certainly were, the results are sensational.

While we wait for the '89s to go on sale here, we can enjoy the excellent '88s. Supermarkets and off-licences have some impressive 88s on their shelves and, apart from Oddbins's perfumed, grapey, elegant '88 Scherer Pinot Blanc (£2.99) that I have written about before, try Sainsbury's '88 Alsace Pinot

operative, with its light, grapey-flowery style (£3.15). Other good, widely available '88s include Waitrose's splendid '88 Tokay Pinot Gris from Ritzenthaler, whose perfumed scent and rich, peachy-grapey palate is a snip (£3.75). Turckheim is currently the leading Alsace co-operative, and its '88 Gewürztraminer Cuvée Réservée, with its intense rich, smoky spice, is a delight (Victoria Wine £4.79, Peter Dominic £4.69). Other high street outlets

with good Alsace lists include Thresher, with the extraordinarily good Zind-Humbrecht wines. Its '88 Zind-Humbrecht Tokay-Pinot Gris. Vieille Vigne, is a delicious, rich, perfumed, intense, smoky-flowery wine (Wine Rack £9.55, Wine Society £9.65). Anyone who is serious about buying the '88 Alsace vintage should get in touch with the Wine Society, Gunnels Wood Road, Stevenage Hertfordshire, which has 11 different '88s to choose from in an Alsace offer that is closing now. Splendid Hugel wines such as the rich, flowery-fruity '88 Riesling Cuvée Tradition (£8.50) and the finer, more austere '88 Riesling Jubilee Reserve Personelle (£11.25), along with the ripe, spicy, rose-scented '88 Gewürztraminer Tradition (£8.35) and Jubilee Gewürztraminer (£10.75) are all worth

saving up for.

Also contact Hicks & Don,
4 The Market Place, Westbury. Wiltshire, which has six of the fine Faller '88s included in its '88 Alsace wine offer. .The Faller family of the Domaine Weinbach is dedicated to quality, and any wine with Faller on the label will not be a disappointment. Look out for the flowery, limelike '88 Riesling, grand cru Schlossberg and the scented, spicy '88 Gewürztraminer, Rèserve Particulière.

Dinner is very nearly over. You pull the small, ICY BOTTLE of Petite Liquorelle

from its bed of ice. Slowly, you unwrap the foil and aurait the gentle pop. The two uraiting glasses turn GOLD as you pour, thousands of tiny bubbles rising LAZILY to the surface.

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After the big four comes the **WINE BUYS** 

Roussilion-Villages, Safeway, £2.45. Not a great bottle of wine but Saleway s own-label Côtes du Roussilion-Valages, with

Its spicy scent and damson paum taste, is good value. e 1988 Safeway Zagamon, Vino Blanco Jovan, Safeway,

£2.49. Again not a great wine, but Sateway a cheap and cheerful, soft, trowery, time-like write, made from the Airen grape grown on the hot plains of La Mencha, makes an inexpensive March white. # 1981 Barcs Velha, A. A. reira, Wine Rack, £16.95.

There is precious little of

this prodigious Portuguese rad wine available, which is a pity for it deserves a wider audience. Made by the Ferreira port wine family, from classic port wine grapes, at the Quinta do Valé do Meao close to the Douro's Spanish border, it is packed with distinguished, tull-bodied, herbaceous truit. Open several hours before serving to get the best from

This is another Teutonic-style

variety, often referred to as the

workhorse Alsace grape

because of its ability to pro-

duce oleasant, inexpensive,

e 1988 Côtes de Francs, The Victoria Wins Company, £2.99 Still one of the best value clarets on the market, offering codies of dekcious, npe.

This week's protests by growers in Beaujolais, campaigning against new, stringent EC regulations and what they view as the unjust trial of several of their confrères, are unlikely to move Britain's wine traders (Jane MacQuitty

With Beaujolais prices going through the roof, it is hard to feel much compassion for the growers of this everpopular wine-growing region. who have plainly had it too good for too long. The future at Villefranche-

chantalization. OVET-DIDGUC-

Grape gripes tion and blending in wine from outside the region, be-

fore passing it off as Beaujolais' best. Regular visitors to the region have been aware of these problems for years. But with the apparently insatiable demand for the soft, gulpable fruit of Beaujolais' Gamay grape, they have accelerated. It was only a matter of time before the French wine fraud squad inspectors caught up sur-Szone. Bezujolais' southem capital, concerns the usual with certain Beaujolais growwine scandais of excessive

er's malpractices. Whatever the outcome of

jolais' growers will have to clean up their act. It is to be hoped that this will put an end to "Beaujolais" that reeks of the warm, peppery spice of the Rhone valley, its neighbour to the south, and those bottles whose alcohol level has been pepped up to a higher degree. This is done by chaptalization, a traditional French wine

the alcohol content of the

practice, illegal in Italy, whereby sugar is added to the fermenting must to increase cru names such as Fleurie for

finished wine. The current EC directive insists that Beaujolais growers can only, via chaptalization, raise their wine's alcohol content by two degrees. Producers often got away with twice that level. Given this scandal, the

14 per cent drop in value of sterling against the French franc since last summer and the high prices charged by Beaujolais producers for the fine 1989 vintage, I doubt Beaujolais will be the UK's favourite wine of 1990. We shall soon have ordinary Beaujolais-Villages going on sale here for £5 a bottle and

more than £7.

ackson Pollock was 1950s America's cartoon Modern Artist; his mural-size doodles were props as essential to the neurotic New Yorker skit as analyst's couch and martini glass. The put-downs were diverse, but the subtext was consistent: America's struggle to decide whether the Golden Boy was some bodacious phoney cowboy, or the brilliant primal sun of an entirely "new" but discernibly native art. Quite possibly he was both.

Derision and hagiography are often two sides of the same coin (rearrange those letters to form "icon"); and the economy in which, it circulates — as William Shawn, longtime editor of the New Yorker is quoted as saying here - is one of transient "reputation" rather than true worth. There were European precedents for Pollock's Abstract Expressionism, but it was important to America that it have an American version - a chip off the old Frontier block, a tacitum bruiser who also happened to paint. Sophisticates invested heavy critical stock in the artist (a famous Life article ran "is he the greatest living painter in the United States?"), while Pollock himself scowled on the sidelines; sullen, chainsmoking, and invariably - for this truly is an

Pollock was a monumental boozer (and, when boozing, a ental bore); he was a great one for the grand scale and, in that

bombed.

Ian Penman

follows the Pollock saga, and discovers

an artist

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JACKSON POLLOCK An American Saga By Steven Naifeh and Gregory White Smith Barrie & Jenkins, £19.95

respect, he's gotten the biography he deserves. At 900 pages (100 pages of source notes alone) Naifeh and Smith's American Saga leaves no Sturm undranged. The Saga of Pollock belongs alongside other massive tomes about other massive topers like Fitzgerald and Heming-way: the sauce artist, completely

Once Naifeh and Smith have established that like many an alcoholic and artist - and many alcoholic artists - Pollock followed a working cycle that alternated lush inactivity and flights of energy unconfined, all the book can do is repeat itself. Like the artist at his most blotto, one keeps turning the same corner, hitting the same blind spot. Naifeh and Smith's provision of detail goes way beyond the call of

The paintings remain — the world Pollock wove, when he kept his head above the suffocating blue ocean of booze. Painting was a utopian space, and the line of his work is the trace of a man transported. There was a shamanistic aspect to Pollock - for all that it was hammed up for the occasional passing Hasselblad and in his greatest work the colours of American nature are retouched with a ferociously divine light: Pollock literally painted from on high, as a God surveying the massive space of American creation. The trouble is, Saga contains only a handful of postage-stampsized reproductions of Pollock's work; and so if it reignites our interest in the paintings, it equally frustrates any desire to view them

Pollock painted like he drank: messily, but with a secret logic in pursuit of the ultimate liquid line, the Big Shir. Always stabilizing the tangle are very evident patterns - a solid core of figuration, a bedrock. His abstraction was an escape (on an epic scale) from the pains of articulation, and this makes him an American son par excellence. An American Saga is fittingly outside; but where Pollock's own bullying transcendence of scale strained toward a desperate immediacy of expression, Naifeh and Smith seem merely to have overstretched an all

miniature" on the scale of Dos Passos or Thomas Wolfe (claim every mountain, file every stream). Before Pollock's story has even begun, we're bogged down in such stuff as his mother's childhood was made of: "The first pie in spring was always dried apple and peach." Swell as the first line in a Richard Ford story, maybe, but you begin to wonder if you mightn't learn more about Poliock from a snappy cultural historian (Robert Hughes or John Lahr, say) with a short essay brief. What we get is a big ball of fuzzy yarn, when a little acuity would go a long way. The relentless accumulation of human(e) detritus also serves to obscure the Zeitgeist of certain crucial times - such as a Presbyterian childhood of strange prohibitions and proscriptions; and later the world of New York art critics, and a bunch of even stranger prohibitions and

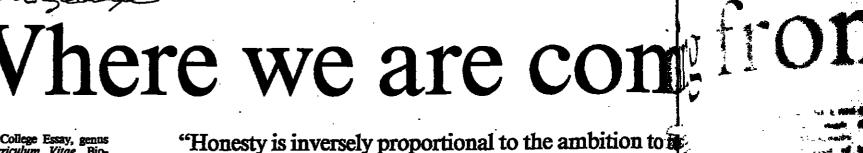
During his short span Pollock was elevated to intellectual celebrity status, but he remained someing of a hick. (Even Clement Greenberg - who did most of the elevating - said as much.) Like Jack Kerouac, Pollock was an avatar of American Epic who essentially never left the womb. Mother-fixated and cocooned inside a boozing which was less a form of relaxation than of deathly penance, this was the artist-asadolescent; able to expand restlessly over new territories, but also ready to snap selfishly shut, reducing the world to a solitary "I".

Pollock had few interests outside his own ambition, was an exhibitionistic pain, wasn't even an amusing drunk: the authors try hard to round things out (a dash of Jung, a dab of Freud), but in the final analysis Pollock just isn't a particularly nice guy to get to know
- which makes the book's length all the harder to swallow.

> The College Essay, genus Curriculum Vitae, Biographia Literaria family, has long been an integral part of the admissions procedure at Ivy League univer-sities in America, and is a remarkably flexible species. Intended, along with the College Interview, to highlight personal qualities that no examination results can reveal, it bears a resemblance to the school exercise on the subject "How I Spent My Summer Holiday". The difference is that the essay has an aim, demonstrating the applicant's ability to disguise platitudinous sycophancy as youthful idealism, and careerist shrewdness as rebellious innocence. It is, in short, an expanded, dramatic version of the hostile question put to a Cabinet

Minister at a Cambridge University Conservative meeting. To open Nicholas Gage's memoir somewhere in the middle is to be enmeshed in the subtleties of the genre. The child refugee from wartorn Greece, whose mother had been murdered by communist guerrillas, is now an American "college junior" and future "investigative reporter" for the New York Times, who says of a friend:

His experience working for the Peace Corps made my work for the Gazette seem trivial by



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comparison. The previous Christmas he had arrived at his post in a barrio called Ilog in the southern Philippines to teach in an overcrowded school where the students had to provide their own chairs. To get to school every day he had to travel three miles, riding a bike through sugar-cane

Modesty and an open mind, qualities essential in an applicant, having been demonstrated, it is only proper that the young man should exhibit some scepticism.

After reading, in the New York Times, of a book by an editor of the New York Times, Gage investigates Arthur Gelb's claim that the playwright Eugene O'Neill burned his last manuscripts. He finds that O'Neill's old room, in a building owned by the university Gage is attending, never had a fireplace. The editor is open-minded: "That was a nice piece of investigative reporting." The investigative reporter is modest: "Getting praise from the New York Times was heady stuff for a college junior."
And so idealism - bah, call it

question the most eternal of verities (once you doubt the New York Times, there is no end to paradoxes) lead to recognition, and a

Andrei Navrozov on Greek and Russian accounts of émigré

magnificent career in journalism.
Yet one may also read this memoir from the beginning. The nine-year-old Nikola Gatzoyiannis arrives in New York with his three sisters (the fourth, still in Greece,

was to escape from her communist captors and join the family later) to be met by his father, who had left years earlier to give his children an "Ameri-

can home". The elder Gatzoyiannis is not the millionaire they had hoped he would be, and his dogged pursuit of the American dream is indirectly responsible for the death of his wife back in Greece. But the family is at last reunited, settled in a New England town and about to begin a

The story of that beginning is told by the boy who witnessed it -Nikola Gatzoyiannis - not the "investigative reporter" Nida Gage, as he rechristens himself once he realizes that the New York Times, rather than a pizza take away in Worcester, Massachusetts is "A Place for Us". In consequence, this fragment of the family chronicle is genuine, intelligent, startling: Gatzoyiannis-Gag, a Greek immigrant who is tellingen

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A PLACE FOR US By Nicholas Gage Bantam Press, £14,95 THE OTHER RUSSIA By Michael Glenny and Norman Stone Faber, £14.99

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of truthful, observant prose. The moral fundamentalism of Greek immigrants, as described by Gatzoyiannis-Gage, is eroded by American society. An axiom? No. 4-3. theorem, and it is worth buying the



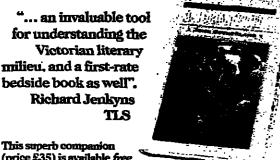
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Dr Ober is a pathologist by trade. Traditionally this has allowed its practitioners to indulge to the full their sense of humour and the macabre at the expense of poor departed mankind, and it is so in these essays. Mankind's follies, fancies, illnesses, obsessions, are held up and dangle in the light of

numbness pains/My sense . . . . wrote the poet Keats. Hmmm, mumurs Dr Ober with all the distance of his trade, this poet is depressed, but how nice of him to give us a pharmacological account of his attempts to deal with that depression. The poet has called this his "Ode to a Nightingale". He tries opium, then booze ("the blushful Hippocrene"); but the Hippocrene, being a spring of water, should be clear. Ah, notes the doctor, this poet is still tripping. "Here, where men sit and hear each other groan..." He is tripping so much time has been distorted for him and he is walking the wards as a medical student again. "To cease upon the midnight with no pain ... " Quite SO, MY DOY.

Ober's analysis of the Ode is precise and mischievous, and

"My heart aches and a drowsy

schoolmasters will look askance at

Rilke once said that poems are not as the sentimental imagine, simply thoughts and feelings put into lines of a certain shape ... they are experiences. Similarly, John Berryman, attacking an even more pervasive modern heresy, pointed out that the one thing that critics who are not themselves poets tend to forget is that poetry is composed by actual human beings, and tracts of it are very closely about them. "When Shakespeare wrote 'Two loves I have', reader," said Berry-man, "he was not kidding."

Rilke and Berryman would have known where they were with the work of D. J. Enright, though I have immediately to qualify that by admitting that he is a far more pedestrian poet than either of those two natural high-flyers. Enright, 70 this year, has made a virtue of refusing to fly at all, and an almost art of keeping his metrical feet on

"His idiom is undeceived," says Douglas Dunn. "Dennis Enright

## Dr O's body of literature

**Byron Rogers** 

naiveté - and a willingness to

this and other familiar classics which will never be the same again. It is also likely that an even larger number of schoolboys are going to find they will never forget them. Amazing what an author's clinical notes will do. Teaching Eng. Lit. to some bored fifth formers I said that one of the set texts, Anden's "Lay your sleeping head, my love . ...", would not have been addressed to a woman; most of the class got their

O levels after that. We are so respectful of Eng. Lit. that it is startling to come on someone like Ober, who has ampled behind the scenery with a flash-light. You may recall the force of the imagery in Francis Thomp-son's "The Hound of Heaven" in which the poet is pursued by God. This, says the doctor, is due to the fact that all his life the poet was terrified of being pursued by dogs ("He could not hide his terror of our retriever Nelson"). Invert the name, dog, God, and the man is

Swinburne is of course a clinical dream, being mysteriously expelled



from Eton after the school found its punishments were not having the desired effect (Swinburne was to warble on about the flogging block for the rest of his life). He writes well, does Dr Ober: Watts, Swinburne's rescuer, "took a grubby schoolboy of 42 and turned him into a clean old man". The poet then fell in love with a boy of five called Bertie, to whom he wrote on holiday, "I pine for the touch of a

not become a strong king but a chartered surveyor.

The trouble with the doctor is that he does feel a need to justify himself, mischief is not enough, Thus he builds up a brisk dossier on D. H. Lawrence to show that Lawrence was a repressed homosexual, and that an act of buggery is at the centre of Lady Chatterley's Lover. Nothing new about this (Ober acknowledges his debt to Warden Sparrow), but the fact that Lawrence is a humbug, and his sermons shaky, allows the doctor to maintain that his chinical notes are

fetter/The curb of a strong king's hand." Bertie, the doctor notes, did

more than gossip, and can affect the way you approach the book. This may be so, but most people

are going to read him for the gossip.

They will be fascinated by the torments poor Boswell suffered when the quacks treated his gonorrhea, and by Dr Ober's research into that old piece of folklore about erections in hanged men (there are none). You can hardly believe your luck; these books are the equivalent. of running into a Home Office pathologist in a pub.

Dr O. plays to the gallaged naming one essay "All the Colours" of the Gallery", another "The End of Rochester and Ejaculatio Proccox" ("Only too hastie zeal my hopes did foil/Pressing to feed head lamp, I spilt my Oil"). There is an essay called "The Iconography of Fanny Hill", which allows the doctor and his publishers to print the various attempts to illustrate, the book. Believe me, he is good value, the old doc.

I recommend both books uned reservedly. He was going on a long journey, murmured the great Frank's Buckland on his death bed, and hoped to see some strange things. The nice thing about Doctor Ober

is that he has been, and come backs and all you need do is sit there.

## Feet on the ground, no kidding

Flogging away: literary effects

for sense and communication in poetry," says Peter Porter. This makes the bloke sound rather like a scrubbed potato, but the best of him is chips well-salted with wit:

Only one subject to write about: Self-Pity: the only subject to How difficult to observe both

Difficult indeed, but something that Enright has achieved with a consistency sufficient to make him remarkable - and not just by writing prescriptions for himself.

Two titles of early collections will give you his number: Bread Rather Than Blossoms and Some Men are Brothers. Here is the poet as ordinary decent chap, moved to extraordinary verbal acts of

#### POETRY

Robert Nye

SELECTED POEMS 1990 By D. J. Earight Oxford, £6.95

LIFE BY OTHER MEANS Essays on D. J. Enright **Edited by Jacqueline Sims** Oxford, £15

observation. His favourite word might be mild, or maybe small:

The big words fail to fit. Like giant boxes Round small bodies. Toking up improper room, Where so much withering is, and so much bloom.

That is the conclusion of a modest, uncompromising, and moving poem called "On the Death of a Child". Not another refusal to mourn, be it noticed, but a sort of muttered prayer to find a little grace and proportion to mourn properly. I admire this poem, and there are others quite as good in Enright's Selected Poems 1990, a solid book, and funny as well as sad. At best, indeed, funny and sad in the one breath:

My mother's strongest religious Was that Catholics were a sinister lot; She would hardly trust even a

My father was a lapsed Catholic. Light verse is an art, like any other. with few masters. This is sharp and

be sharper if it rhymed and scanned. Still, Enright the here, as elsewhere, and it is this here, as elsewhere, and it is this element of not kidding, even he is kidding, that I like in his work. I believe him about his mother and his father. I wish he had written more, with a wider emotional range, about other important: experiences: wives, lovers, children, friends.

At 70, a man might also be reckoned by the quality of those friends. Life By Other Mouts college 21 collects 21 essays about Enrights. life and work by A. S. B. F. Donald Davie, Derwent May, Fatricis Beer, Anthony Thwaite, Pani

Theroux, and others. Blake Morrison has a telling anecdote. An American critic had asked the poet if anyone had ever applied the phrase "obsessive

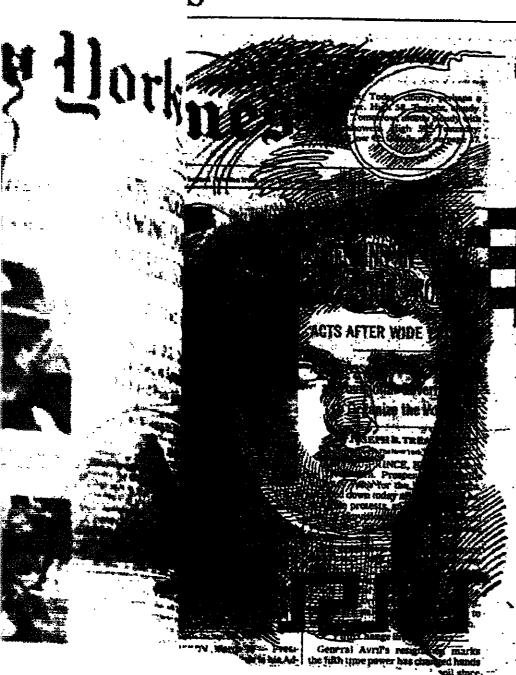
humanity" to his work.
No, said Enright, he didn't think they had. But he wouldn't object to What else is there to be

book to read his proof. "Do not

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not an abstraction. A Russian émigrés share this wiew? In my experience, yes. sido wonder. To what I am 3 to call the Gatzoyiannis-Maw of Life in Exile, "honesty Fersely proportional to the kion to become native", the My-Stone compilation of some Merviews with emigres pro-B a corollary: "Intelligence is sady proportional to the effort aded in the process."

The doesn't read the New York a," one interviewee says of a

fellow exile, "he's not an intelligent man." (The man in question, Vladimir Maximov, one of the most gifted men of letters in the Russian diaspora, is not inter-

"They now consider that they are the last remaining Orthodox Church which has not defiled itself," the Metropolitan of the Moscow Patriarchal Orthodox Church in the United Kingdom, Anthony Bloom, says mockingly of "the other church", the Russian Orthodox Church which, being itself an exile, obeys Constantinopic. "They have anathemized those who joined the World Council of lously.

Thus, while not in the College Essay genre, the Glenny-Stone compilation recreates the atmosphere of a College Interview. All points of view are welcome. But space is limited.

Indeed, this Faber guide to the Russian soul is a mere halfthousand pages. I offer the reader an addendum. "Let us repeat in our day the words of Plutarch's ancient warrior: 'Late at night in a savage land far from Rome I pitched my tent and my tent became Rome for me"." Old man Gatzoyiannis would have understood where Nabokov, as a college junior might put it, was coming from.

## The child as father to the criminal

of a foriorn childhood anywhere in world lit-erature to match this one. The ingredients are standard: poverty; isolation; lack of education; a violent, drunken father and angry, gnorant mother. But the details are

unpredictable and devastating.

When the father, of an evening, reads out the paper to the illiterate mother, she claims he is not really reading but making everything up, a row flares and he thrashes her. As soon as the namator's younger sister is born, the father calls the mother a bussy and slut and slashes at her with the buckle-end of his belt. Before the birth of her next child the mother locks the father in a cupboard because she fears he has rabies. He howls for two days. When he falls silent she opens the door and he is dead.

In one of the most horrific scenes in the book Mario, the narrator's handicapped younger brother, has his ears bitten off by a hog. Later he bites his mother's lover on the leg and the lover kicks him in the place where an ear was. For the two hours the lover stays on the premises the mother ignores the child, but for the rest of the night cradles him in her arms, licking his wound.

"The kid let himself be loved, and smiled . . . That night was the only time in his life, surely, that I Frances Hill

THE FAMILY OF PASCUAL DUARTE By Camilo José Cela Little, Brown and Company, £5.99

ever saw him smile." Precise descriptions and images, sparing us nothing, compel our belief. However grotesque the events and

behaviour, they ring true.

The tone of this first-person narrative, perfectly rendered in translation, is one of bitter shame and depression under jaunty resignation. It tells us everything there is to know about his gruesome childhood's effect on the narrator.

That a crime will come we know. The book is written as a "confession". The narrative's power de-rives partly from our being kept in suspense till the end as to the deed that has landed Duarte in jail.

The second half of the book, after the grown narrator's small son dies, maintains suspense, though it does not achieve the same stronging authenticity as the first half. But this novel, first published in 1942 and the chief cause of Cela's being awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature last year, deserves its reputation as a small masterpiece.

## The law's lone ranger

s created by Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler, the private eye is a person slightly apart from the criminal world, scru-pulously honest in his actions, a man who rescues maidens, usually tarnished, in distress, and faces up to the issues of guilt, responsibility and deceit which lie at the heart of all crime fiction.

He is also a loner in two respects: technically he works outside the law-and-order process (in which the police are corrupted or corruptible), and morally he sees himself very much as the archetypal outsider determined to hang on to his independence.

The modern condition of society is also a major preoccupation. The attitude of the hero to his environment was encapsulated by Raymond Chandler in his famous essay, "The Simple Art of Murder":

In everything that can be called art there is a quality of redemption. It may be pure tragedy, if it is high tragedy, and it may be pity and irony, and it may be the raucous laughter of the strong man. But down these mean streets a man must go who is not himself mean, who is neither tarnished

Penguin has given us two newcomers to the genre, Australian Tom Beauford, and American Robert Crais. The former's private eye is Sophie Parnell, who investigates the death of her strange, aloof cousin, Rosie Dunn, daughter of one of Sydney's leading heart surgeons. We quickly learn of her involvement with powerful and corrupt society figures.

Large Sophie is a memorable heroine; more introspective than a CRIME

Lisanne Radice

WHAT HAPPENED TO ROSIE DUNN? By Tom Beauford Penguin £3.99 THE MONKEY'S RAINCOAT By Robert Crais Penguin, £3.50

woman of action, she is a woman with a conscience who plays the game by her own rules. A one-time lawyer, she turned to private investigation when she discovered that "the sleaze and nobility of the soul were lacking" in the law. Beauford's sharply observed but gentle approach gives an interesting slant and added strength and subtlety to the carefully wrought, if sometimes over-convoluted, plot.

Elvis Cole, a literate survivor of Hollywood, is the hero of Robert Crais's new private eye novel. Cole's search for Ellen Lang's unsavoury husband and their young son leads him through the seamy side of Hollywood studio lots and beautiful private mansions into an underworld of drugs, sex, and murder.

His damsel in distress, true to tradition, proves that the American dream is a tarnished reflection of selfish preoccupations. Somewhat in the Robert B. Parker tradition, The Monkey's Raincoat, though it adds no new dimension to the genre, is nevertheless a witty and stylish addition to private eye

#### John Grigg on the autobiography of an Indian Europhile

PAPERBACKS

hen Nirad Chaudhuri's Autobiography of an Unknown Indian appeared in
1951, the title was
immediately contradicted because
the book made him a celebrity overnight. He was then in his midfifties and had not yet visited this country, whose culture, however, he had prodigiously absorbed during his long years of obscurity. He has since produced 10 further books of which the latest, his second volume of autobiography, is now (like its predecessor) in paper-back. Since 1970 he and his wife have been living in north Oxford, and at the age of 92 he has just been made an honorary D.Litt by the

His autobiographical style is expansive, to say the least. The present volume, covering about 30 years of his life, runs to nearly 1,000 pages. But then he writes about himself in a vast context, including the history of India during his time, as the subtitle acknowledges, and many other aspects of the human condition. A.J. Balfour said of Churchill's World Crisis that it was "autobiography disguised as a history of the universe". One might say of Chaudhuri that he writes a history of the universe disguised as

autobiography.
Yet that would not be quite fair, because the personal side of his account is admirably candid and vivid. He tells, for instance, of his arranged marriage when he was a struggling journalist in Calcutta. He gave his father carte blanche to choose a wife for him, and when they married, Amiya was a complete stranger. His worst fear was that she would dislike European music, which had become almost a religion to him; but he was determined to give it up if she did not like it. Fortunately she took to it as soon as she heard the first records he played to her, and a special favourite during their early days together was Mozart's 39th symphony. Half a century later, hearing the allegro movement of it on Radio 3 in their house at Oxford, she put her hands on his shoulders and said: "Reminds me of home." What a compliment to Mozart!

Chaudhun's attitude to the political events that have shaped his life is that of a mischievous Jeremiah. The three communities that mattered to him most have all been destroyed: India and his native Bengal both partitioned, the British empire dissolved. He longed to be the citizen of a united, and still culturally dominant, Ben

A place history

> THY HAND, GREAT ANARCH! INDIA 1921-1952 By Nirad C. Chaudhuri The Hogarth Press, £13.95

gal within a united India, while at the same time belonging on equal terms to an empire which, like the Roman, should have been non-racial and colour-blind. But in that respect the British Raj failed him,

as it did in betraying, with the leaders of Indian nationalism, the cause of Indian unity. He also laments the decline of Bengal even

His complaints are seldom te-dious, however, because he writes with unflagging liveliness and wit. Though some of his political judgements seem to me unjust, his argument as a whole cannot be ignored. It amounts to a formidable minority report (by a minority of one) on what is called the transfer of power in India, a phrase that he finds absurdly euphemistic.

He is almost as deeply versed in French as in English literature, and at one crisis in his life France did him a good turn. When his Autobiography appeared in India it was denounced as anti-Indian and for a time his livelihood was threatened. While British representatives on the spot held aloof, the French ambassador befriended him and gave him employment.
Perhaps France will soon

follow Oxford's example in honouring him.



Thrice betrayed: the unflaggingly lively writer, Nirad C. Chaudhuri

## Holding back a sea of words

o change your language, Derek Walcott has writlife. Yet Walcott, whose life has undergone all kinds of disruptions, has never changed his language. Over the years, his subject matter has expanded, but his language has retained its indebtedness to a long English tradition of lyric response, and to a few major influences: the Bible, Shakespeare, W. H. Auden, Robert Lowell.

Even when lamenting or angry, Walcott observes the lyrical impulse. Born on St Lucia in 1930, he has often concerned himself in his poetry with the struggle between contradictory inheritances. On the one hand, there is the life you are born with. On the other hand, there is the language: English, a rich POETRY James Wood

COLLECTED POEMS By Derek Walcott Faber, £8.99

language certainly, but rich also in associations of and complicities with Empire. And then, concerning the life itself. Walcott has written well about the severity of exile and disappointments of homecoming.

In a poem, "Prelude", written when Walcott was only 18, he found his language, his sense of place, and his controlling metaphors - in particular, the sea and

Walcott's language is never less than a delight, and yet in one sense danger of lyric poetry - the certitude of the poet's position. Even as the poet confesses to his inexperience, uncertainty or bias. Walcott still produces his lush, metaphorical language. His poetry is as fertile as that of any poet now working in the English language: "Yachts tranquil as lilies", "Men with eyes as heavy as anchors", Planters whose tears were marketable gum". But occasionally one longs for a lower verbal temperature. In some of his most recent poems, like those in Midsummer (1984) he seems to find the right balance, and perhaps political anger is the necessary motor, purging his language of its usual luxuriance.

## Country life without tears

the, Mr Allnutt, is what we are the the world to rise above." Kathenne Hepburn admon-Humphrey Bogart while ing along the river in The Queen, Nature, for Mr and, is what he is put in

his the latest example of a great incan tradition, the personal ist on nature. His predecessors horesu and Emerson, Joseph M Krutch and E. B. White. He 22 from them in his relentless malysis, which he intersperses Tobservations on wildlife. Alall essayists on nature since

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Tylife without tears. R tassvs in Heart's Desire are The style is deceptively and moonsequential, like told over a butane-eas Fitc. It is the crafted art of the band philosopher, but a Fire Fontaine, When he tells tales, they sometimes in seneral human behav-

iour, but while the Frenchman was a fabulist, Hoagland deals in stray facts. He knows all about wolves and bears, possums and turtles, and then transfers the backwoods to the back streets.

Talking of himself as a "City Rat" in his early escapades with young women in New York, he ends up seeing himself as a "Middle-aged Coyote". His laconic epigrams about what animals do are splendid. He sees some of his characteristics in theirs. His observations seem inevitable, although they are fresh-minted and funny. He tells a tale of howling with a red wolf Andrew Sinclair and finding that

ing a windmill. HEART'S DESIRE And then he By Edward Hoaghand quotes Thoreau: Collens Harvill, £15 "Generally speaking, a howling wilderness does not how!."

he was answer-

His casual lead into every essay is as button-holing as Samuel Taylor Coleridge used to be, when he launched into his anecdotes more insistently than the Ancient Mariner. Charles Lamb told the story of cutting off his overcoat button when Coleridge was holding it in the street. He went off, and came back half-an-hour later to find Coleridee still talking to the button.

But then, Coleridge was shortsighted, while Hozgland has an eye as sharp as a bald eagle. We may choose to pick up Hosgland or to pass him by. But if he is picked up, he cannot be put down. He is damnably beguiling, except when he whinges about his deviant frailties. Reading Heart's Desire makes me think of that contemporary of Thoreau and Emerson, the self-important Margaret Fuller, who declared in a lecture: "I accept the universe." in the back row of the audience. Thomas Carlyle

growled, "You'd better." Edward Hoagland teaches us to accept the universe and nature, even our own, if not always his.

## No place for William

When Violet Elizabeth Bott kisses William, civilization attempts to seduce the ignoble savage. But the savage proves stronger. William does not turn into a prince. Minutes later, he reverts to his natural state, face dirty, pockets happily bulging with string, bull's-eyes, and dead toads. And his philosophy, as revealed in these previously uncollected first-person

the contents of his pockets. What's wrong with civilization is that it has no place for William Brown. Other people's philosophies are clear-cut. Mr Brown is a pipe-and-

slipper ironist, Mrs Brown a sockdarning Stoic, Ethel a hedonist, and Robert a romantic. Henry is a realist, Douglas a pessimist, Ginger a Remus to William's Romulus,



In search of philosophy, and trouble: William and his band of Outlaws

pieces (1927-33) is as predictable as and Jumble leads a dog's life. But William, with his bounding imagination, can never quite decide.

Is he Robin Hood, Buffalo Bill, or God? Taking the pointed morals of the Sunday sermons to which he is a reluctant listener, he applies them with a literalness that is stunningly logical but invariably disastrous. And that is the trouble. Loving your neighbour as yourself is the most dangerous commandment of all.

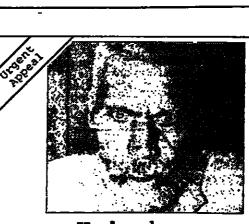
No wonder William's teachers are often away with expensive nervous breakdowns, Christmas at the Browns is a time of hate, and even Jumble is driven to chasing his tail in Thomas Henry's splendid illustrations. Blame it on his imagination or

his materialism when he lies, cheats, or steals. Blame it on his fatalism when windows get in the way of his arrows, and cats go sticking their fur in Jumble's mouth. William's good intentions pave other people's way to hell. " 'I think it's time Jumble did some-thing with his life,' said William." But he is not an innocent, especially to his creator.
William flirts with the Conser-

varive Party, because they want to make the world better by keeping everything as it is. But he finally rejects politics, because they lack sense. Who has sense? William Brown has sense.

Savages had sense. Despite his caustic comments on classical civilization, William merely admires its simple opposite: savagery.
The appeal to a golden age remains. And like all conservative golden ages, it is in the past.

But, of course, they also had none of the joys of civilization represented by liquorice water, coconut lumps, and bull's-eyes. What they had was death, disease, and dirt, for all we know the dirt of William's village, described in Mary Cadogan's excellent William Companion as "a sticky clay subsoil favourable to flora as calcifugous as rhododendron and common tormentil (Potentilla erecta)." Coo. Anyone got a bull's eye?



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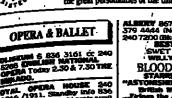
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### Theatre's mother superior

TELEVISION

Sheridan Morley

When they come to write the history of the post-war London theatre, it will be seen that two people, the producer Michael Codron and the agent Peggy Ramsay, have guided it more significantly than any of its betterknown leaders. Both have shown throughout their working lives about as much love of publicity as Greta Garbo. So it was a considerable achievement last night for director Rosemary Wilton to build an entire Arena (BBC 2) around Ramsay, with Codron as a leading witness for the defence.

We learned that the woman who mothered the careers of a hundred dramatists - from Alan Ayckbourn and Robert Bolt through to Vaclav Havel - was born in Australia about 80 years ago, the daughter of an ostrich farmer. When the trade in feathers collapsed, Ramsay took to opera singing and repertory acting. After the war she established herself in a converted brothel off St Martin's Lane as a reluctant playwrights' representative. She still regards her charges as impossible children who happen to possess stunning

Ramsay's critical faculties remain undimmed even after reading a dozen plays a week for half a century. "You always thought my scripts were too long." Stephen Poliakoff said fondly, thinking back 20 years or so to his first encounters with Ramsay when he was a talented schoolboy. "Still your problem," she retorted.

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David Hare recalled being taken by her to see the film Julia and being told in the cinema that it was a script he had been offered and which Ramsay had rejected on his behalf without any consultation. because she knew it would be a dangerous interruption to his play-writing.

Ramsay's conviction that she knows her clients better than they themselves do, and is, therefore, a superior judge of their work and careers, makes her the most powerful agent in contemporary British theatre, as well as the most eccentric.

She is not known for her charm on the telephone. "Piss off, Otto," was a celebrated response to an offer from Preminger for a script. She has fond memories of lonesco ("Dear little man, could look at a doorknob and make a play of it"), but retains a healthy cynicism about most of the scripts that fail through her door.

### Of sounds and souls

RADIO

Martin Cropper

"Hello, I'm Toyah Willeox." The Californian inflexion seemed out of place in the confines of South Kensington's National Sound Archive, but only until her interviewee stepped up to the

His first word was "hopefully". The Science of Sound (Radio 4. Saturday) brought these kindred spirits together to read out prepared questions and answers that might as well have come from a brochure, Toyah was treated to a decidedly anti-chimactic recording (from 1418) of howitzers doing what howitzers have to do, and any number of variegated phenomena of the audible world. Expanding her research, she then met a speak-your-textbook professor who had recorded his own (mild) tinnitus, a vague whine not unlike that of a fax machine holding its breath in anticipation of a transmission.

The whole programme, the first of six, was waiting for something - direction, perhaps, it was a question of point of view being obliterated by undifferentiated information. The human car ("a remarkable instrument," said T. Wilkox) employs 30,000 filters to screen out aural poliution, which ought to mean curtains for Radio 2. A healthy organ can still pick up the sound of a pin dropping, when slowed down tenfold, this event mimics an unusually "bright" dinner gong. As LSD-consumers will confirm, the perception of sound is contineent on circum-Siance, and its interpretation is a

matter of opinion.

A Matter of the Soul (Radio 3, Tuesday) started Anna Massey as a sexually frustrated wife reduced in perpetual unheeded monologue by her husband's infidelity and neglect. Not even his death brought release from her fretful self-examination.

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As an essay in near-solipsism it persuaded one that radio drama has a role to play in introducing the listener to the loneliness of others. It is almost redundant to add that the play was written by ingmar Bergman.

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## One last cabaret of reminiscence

he face of the dying Christopher Isherwood — cadaverous, fearful and haunted — stares mesmerizingly out of the pages of Don Bachardy's newly-published Last Drawings of Christopher Isherwood (Faber, £25). Bachardy, Isherwood's companion of 30 years, sketched the images during the last six

months of the novelist's life. There is little doubt that Isherwood looked appropriately grim during his final sessions; Bachardy never likes his subjects to smile. and Isherwood always was an excellent actor. But the 82-yearold writer was remarkably san-guine about his fate. When David Hockney was visiting him during the final weeks, Isherwood abruptly burst into tears, not in desperation, but simply because, as he put it. "I'm so happy".

By accident, I was the last journalist to interview Isherwood before his death. Not knowing of his illness, I called him when I was in Los Angeles in late 1985 – the phone book listed him under "Isherwood, Christopher" – and he immediately agreed to an

When I got to his house, a glasswalled, one-storey building cling-ing precariously to the side of Santa Monica Canyon, bought for \$35,000 in the 1950s and now worth more than \$1 million, Isherwood took me into the living room and talked fluently and with

Christopher Isherwood, the subject of a newly-published book of drawings, was a mischievous raconteur to the end. Brian Davis recalls his meeting with the writer

almost mischievous good humour about Britain, Los Angeles, his working habits and the movies. Though half-crippled by arthritis, he looked boyish, healthy and deceptively innocent.

"If there's one thing I hate," he confided, "it's writing. I'll go to almost any lengths to put it off. I think of someone I used to know years ago, look him up in a book and, by the time I've found the reference, realize that I wasn't really interested in the first place. Frankly, I'd rather call the gas company and check my bill than put pen to paper."
Isherwood's last book, October,

a large-format limited edition, was a product of his laziness. "My publishers suggested it was about time I wrote something," he said, "but I couldn't think of anything to write. Then Don came up with the idea of my keeping a diary for a month, illustrated with his drawings of the people I men-tioned. It seemed like the easiest

The result is a funny and moving account of Isherwood's gregarious social life and limpid private thoughts: reminiscences,

travelogue, scenes of domestic life, and encounters recalled with his Leica-like eye. Films, actors and famous writers were never far from his diurnal thoughts; it was the glamour of Hollywood and writers such as Aldous Huxley that first drew him to Los Angeles.

is sense of humour was infectious, often sophomoric. He liked to reveal that his openness had its drawbacks. "College students are always writing to me, asking questions they could find the answers to in books," he said. They always claim they've read all my works. I sympathize with their idleness, but I know it's not true. I'd like to put them against the wall, turn on the inquisitor's lights, quiz them about an obscure early essay of mine and, when they fail to get the answers right, bring on the torturers!" The thought sent him into paroxysms of

Walking on to his balcony and pointing to a mock-Tudor house recently constructed further down the canyon, he said: "The people

who live there have dogs which bark most of the night. It amuses me to stand here at three in the morning — I don't sleep much anyway — yelling obscenities at the dogs. I like the idea of a respected old novelist behaving like a lunatic."

But the anonymity of California suited him. It was the first place in which he settled down after an itinerant life, and it was here that he first found a stable relationship. It was also the place where, thanks to the film version of Cabaret, he first earned a good deal of money.

Contrary to rumour, he admired the movie of Cabaret — which, unlike the stage version, drew its inspiration directly from his Berlin stories. He thought, however, that Liza Minnelli was far too good a performer to impersonate his amateur-night Sally Bowles. He retained his fascination with Hollywood to the end, though he admitted that he had "no real talent as a screenwriter" (one of his few screenplays to be filmed untouched was The True Story of Frankenstein, which he co-wrote with Bachardy). Most novelists think they are too big for the cinema; Isherwood thought the opposite.

The last time I saw him, he was setting off with Bachardy for a film preview. "It's a new Jane Fonda film and, frankly, it doesn't sound very promising," he said. His face then lit up with the famous grin.



From Last Drawings of Christopher Isherwood by Don Bachardy

## Frenzied corruption from a faraway land

THEATRE

Jeremy Kingston

The Government Inspector Battersea Arts Centre

In place of the Russian dress and onion domes that usually decorate productions of Gogol's masterly comedy, Tara Arts transposes the action to a tin-pot town in India, painting the faces of the cast with the vivid curlicues and patches of Indian theatre, and peppering their talk with "shufti", "dekko"

and "dansak". But East or Far East, or anywhere in the world for that matter, where corrupt officials panic as exposure looms, the story holds its

What makes Jatinder Verma's version more arresting than a simple transposition is that his gullible townsfolk do not look to tion, even though the setting is in some unspecified period after independence. England - or Blighty as they all call it, in tones

of awe and longing — is the place from which all blessings flow. Blighty is where the skint penpushing clerk has come from, on his way to visit his father in Ootie, and "Blighty!" is the first, and for some time the only, word breathed by the Mayor's dinky daughter. Sweetly played by Bilquis Omarshah, she later reveals her yearning to join England's anonymous crowds - curiously mirroring what the English are thought to teel about India - in phrases deliberately modelled on The

Three Sisters. Verma and his co-adaptor, Anuradha Kapur, seem to be arguing that the corruption in this small corner of India, and possibly in the larger corners, is the effect of colonialism when people project status and value on to the old colonial power.

This argument sidesteps local responsibility for corruption pretty neatly. I suggest taking it with a liberal pinch of chilli and

concentrating instead on the prancing, dancing, somersaulting energy of the performers as they dart through the familiar but rather different twists of the tale.

The action is played on a grey square with just a couple of large silver trunks as background furniture - resourcefully used, with or without their lids, to become doors, tables, hiding places and a couch for Krishna. The high-pitched and exuberant

style batters the ears in the first half, and the eyes, too.

With the arrival of Anthony Bunsee's false Inspector, the frenzy calms down a little, and while jolly details pop up at all times, they most often occur in scenes where the yellow-whiskered Mayor (Vincent Ebrahim) or his daughter are brought up against his wife, the memorablynamed Cuckoo Paraneswaram. The prologue assures us the play

will be twice as beautiful for "its double journey from Russ and Ind". Not quite so, but still a ripe and exotic evening.



Anthony Bunsee and Bilquis Omarshah in The Government Inspector

## An open heart calls for the doctor

Benedict Nightingale

Someone Like You Strand Theatre

If it were enough to have a wellmeaning heart, and wear it on the sleeve, this show would be irresistibly enjoyable. Instead, it is a spectacular demonstration of a primary law of theatrical physics, which is that musicals tend to gravitate towards what has been tried, tested, and found terribly

The talent involved is not negligible. Robin Midgley directed and collaborated on the book with Fay Weldon, who is, presumably, responsible for giving this "musical love story" a feminist sheen. Petula Clark has not only written the songs, but plays the lead, in each case showing a taste for the throbbing palpitating and defiantly uplifting.

The scene is a shattered bouse,

now a military hospital, in the American Civil War. Enter Miss Clark, not merely a nurse, but the Florence Nightingale of the Gone with the Wind circuit. She proves her credentials by pluckily disarming a frenzied alcoholic. Then she sings a song about "picking up the pieces, getting it together", upon which half the cast, whose usual function is to lounge about providing rural colour, start energetically patching walls and roofs. She then launches into the evening's main business, which is falling for a doctor called Major or (it was hard to be sure) a major called Doctor.

This is a problem, for she is married to a missing preacher called Kane and the doctor is engaged to a flirt called Susannah, and they are too high-minded to betray either. Indeed, Dave Willetts's Major might be personally responsible for our own NHS, so relentlessly stricken and decent does he look throughout the show.

Enter Kane, no longer a preacher, but a profiteering scumbag with a snake-oil salesman's chuckle and typhus-ridden blankets to unload on Major Doctor. Even more conveniently, he turns out to have been a bigamist, leaving no obstacle to a Clark-Willets wedding except Susannah. She duly behaves with entirely unmotivated helpfulness: first submitting to Kane's evil advances, rejecting him when he bad-mouths the dignified black she herself had previously been happy to insult, then deciding to go away and make a serious contribution to society. Discovering the best in yourself and fulfilling it is the show's credo, and it is conveyed with awesome

If there is such a thing as a sincere cliche, the musical seems addicted to it. The only consolation, I fear, is the thrust and drive of Petula Clark's voice as it swoops across the octaves.

### Lively identity crisis

CONCERTS Paul Griffiths

LS/Knussen Queen Elizabeth Hall

The third and last of the London Sinfonietta's British evenings with Oliver Knussen was another treat, not least because it brought us rare, major works of the early 1970s by both Birtwistle and Maxwell Davies, works that we can now see to have marked crucial moments in their careers.

Davies's "masque", Blind Man's Buff, is not only the baklest statement of his identity crisis, but also the piece in which he starts to move from the relentless selfsearching of his late-1960s music towards the cool jocularity of Le jongleur de Notre Dame. It is, for that reason, a hard piece to place, but this performance held persistent interest in the liveliness of the instrumental playing, and also in the astonishingly pure beauty and exactness of Lisa Saffer, the

The mezzo was Mary King, whose greater triumph was her singing of Birtwistle's Meridian with all the proper violent passion.

immediate here, as if in folk singing, but over a wide-flung range of vocal resources. And the slow-growing vehemence and ravishing imagery of the surrounding score - for an ensemble of wind instruments and percussion with echoing women singers and an interlocking couple of soloists in horn and cello - were magnificently laid out. The instrumental dialogue, splendidly played by Michael Thompson and Christopher van Kampen, gyrated around the vocal monologue.

· Peter Hall once aptly described Birtwistle's music as "male", but Meridian is his most female work: a bringing to birth in its movement from soft, but urgent, pulsations to full shricks, a piece which draws out from the lute and rose of its Wyatt and Logue poems a picture of receptive, but active, sexuality, and a work, too, of reverberating, womb-like enciosure.

There were also more recent works: Colin Matthews's Two-Part Invention, bounding up to, and then exploding through, the driven lyricism of Van Kampen's amplified cello, and Simon Holt's Capriccio spettrale, a piece of unerring acuteness and enterprise.

Noel Goodwin

Gloriae Dei Cantores St John's

Gregorian chant in its purest form has the character of unassailable virtue, but is apt to sound compromised when extended in another direction, as the American composer Gerald Near has in his Resurrexi. This was premiered by the 40 voices of Gloriae Dei Cantores, a mixed choir from the Massachusetts town of Orleans which will soon visit Prague, Moscow and Leningrad.

In an "ecumenical" programme, the new work (35 minutes long) takes chant-themes of Eastertide to Pentecost, and adapts them to a Latin text of the Resurrection, each of four sections proceeding by antiphon and

recitative to a supplicatory motet. Though there is evident facility in the working, it is more pastiche than inventive vocal restricting itself to bland verbalization, except when adorned by the Byzantine effect of celebratory handbells during the opening and closing "Alleluias". The singing had secure pitch and homogenous tone moulded into direct expression by the conductor, Elizabeth Patterson.

At the outset, a Mass by Lassus sounded undnly stolid, but the voices were more flexible in Purcell's Funeral Music for Queen Mary, especially in the chromatically intense writing of "In the midst of life" and with exemplary clarity in the second setting of "Thou Knowest, Lord".

The suite was dignified by the London-based quintet of "His Majesties Sagbutts and Cornetts" for the instrumental interludes.

## Controversy stalks a Morris dancer

Despised in Europe,

loved in America -Mark Morris talks

to Debra Craine

Mark Morris attracts superlatives the way honey attracts bees. He is, some say, the most exciting choreographer alive today, the greatest dancemaker of the post-Balanchine generation. Or, according to Arlene Croce of The New Yorker, "his generation's one

and only".

He is also controversial. In Brussels, where the 33-year-old American has been based for the past two years, his work is boosed, critics find him loathsome and headlines scream "Mark Morris Go Home"

Who is this choreographer who can arouse such passions? He looks like a rock star, drinks beer like a lager lout and talks like a hippie throwback to the 1960s. He is considered an enfant terrible in Europe, treated practically as a god in America, but is virtually unknown in Britain. Apart from two small-scale appearances at London's Dance Umbrella festival in the mid-Eighties, his com-

pany has never performed here. Without travelling to Brussels, the nearest you can get to Mark Morris is watching tomorrow's South Bank Show, Until you see his work it is difficult to imagine what the fuss is about. But even the dance excerpts in this documentary provide glimpses of his astonishing musicality, range and



imagination, and the special way he can make dances that touch the heart and leave one breathless.

It was his musicality that brought Morris to Belgium in the first place, the quality which so impressed opera house director Gerard Mortier that he offered Morris a three-year contract as resident choreographer of the Monnaie Theatre. The American was hared to replace Maurice Bejart, who, after 27 years at the Monnaie, was himself a national institution. It did not take long for Morris's outspoken and outrageous nature to alienate the

"We pay a large price for the work we do in Brussels. Yes, we have the studios, the theatre, the orchestra, but it's a strange society and it's very glum in general. It's

also highly racist, highly sexist, highly homophobic and highly conservative, and there are certain

That is Morris's considered view of Belgium. It is typical of him that he does not hesitate to bite the hand that feeds him. Nor does he baulk at criticizing his illustrious predecessor, whose work he describes as "just awful",

aspects that are quite fascistic."

When I was 14 I liked a lot of Bejart's work. I really wanted to dance with him; I wanted to study at his studio in Brussels, which is now my studio. But the work has not aged well, and I've changed. I see it now as being quite vulgar."
As a boy in Seattle, Morris decided to become a professional

dancer after seeing José Greco's

Spanish company.

After a brief career with several modern dance companies in the United States, Morris set up his own at the age of 23 and quickly built a reputation as a choreographer with new ideas and a respect for tradition. He loves Balanchine - although he is sorry to see that "his dances are rotting away" - and he admires Merce Cunningham. Morris borrows movement ideas from everywhere, including

non-dance sources, but somehow makes them look original. Like his choice of music, his choice of subjects is catholic, ranging from love to spirtual matters, striptease, vampires and soap powders. He is not afraid to dance with a paper bag on his head or have his

dancers perform in the nude, but he denies his work is flamboyant. "I'm very classical, very old-fashioned. The people who hate my work in the States hate it because it seems retro to them." The move to the Monnaie allowed Morris to broaden his

creativity and mount large-scale works like the monumental L'Allegro, Il Penseroso ed Il Moderato, which combines pastoral odes by Milton with music by Handel and is regarded as one of the major dance works of the

His choreographed version of Purcell's Dido and Aeneas - in which he perversely danced the female lead - infuriated the Belgian critics who found its gender-bending and auto-croticism offensive.

• The South Bank Show is broadcast tomorrow at 10.40pm

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saxophonists. A journeyman rather than an innovator, he lacks

the mystique of a Rollins, a Coltrane, or even a Hank Mobiley.

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player. Nevertheless, if you are

seeking a saxophonist who swings

with the minimum of fuss and

maximum of conviction, then

look no further. This is the kind of

album that should appeal to

people who always thought they

were immune to jazz.

Blessed with a full-blooded

Texas roar, the Pittsburgh tenor

player joined Alfred Lion's roster

in 1960, staying on for almost a

decade and returning to the label in 1984. The Blue Note compila-

tion is a deliciously varied selec-

tion, though it is a pity no space

was found for any material from

the glorious Midnight Blue date

with guitarist Kenny Burrell. On

the other hand, we should be

grateful that there is nothing from

the wretched 1987 collection of

Stevie Wonder hits, one of those

doomed attempts to cash in the

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Oddity" (1969) to "Blue Jean" (1984) and including "Ziggy Stardust", "The Jean Genle" and "Diamond Dogs", to list a few.

Spencer Davis Group's "Gimme Some Lovin' ".

wastern and gospel/blues material, along with a handful of original compositions in a

It was a rare lapse. Most of the

crossover market.

**ROCK UPDATE** 

## No space for the librettist

CLASSICAL ... Paul Griffiths

Welft: Die Dreigroschenoper Soloists, RIAS Berfin Simfonietta/Mauceri (Decca 430 075-2)

his is the recording of The Threepenny Opera which gives Kurt Weill top billing, at least on paper. The name of Bertolt Brecht is nowhere to be found on the cover text, and the booklet includes an essay in which the producer and the dramaturge (nebulous at the best of times, the functions of a dramaturge seem particularly inscrutable in the case of a recording) defend Weill's contribution. After all, they say, we never speak of Da Ponte-Mozart or Hofmannsthal-Strauss. No, but neither do we give much space in our theatres to the other works of those librettists. It is a pointless argument in any

event, because even though the spoken text is pared away to almost nothing, even though one is often left, quite absurdly, with just the sandpaper Ballad Singer announcing the next number. Brecht's voice is still, of course, the one that comes over loud and clear in the songs and, indeed, in the cynicism of the form as well as the feeling. Moreover, the use of "operatic" singers for two leading roles works against the recording's stated aim in showing just how very far from conventional opera

The fascination of hearing René Kollo as Macheath is rather akin to that of hearing Gigli sing "Winterstürme": c'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas le genre. There are moments of Tristanesque passion and suffering, but the performance rarely sounds plausible. Nor does that of Helga Demesch as Mrs Peachum. wonderful though it is to hear this splendid voice having a bash at the "Ballad of Sexual Obsession".

The Polly is Ute Lemper, everyone's favourite Brecht singer of the moment, and her bright, ironically virginal tone and speech-song manner certainly fit the style better - though her vibrato on long notes is un-pleasant, and the slow "Polly's Song" is almost unbearable.



One is prepared to make much more allowance for Milva, who strikes right back to the Lotte Lenya tradition which the recording seems bent on escaping from: there is the taste of tar in everything she sings, and everything she sings is worth hearing, even if it does growl an octave below the written pitch. But three numbers ("Pirate Jenny" is re-peated for her benefit) hardly weigh heavily against the rest of the recording.

Other parts have been given, sinst the operatizing intentions of the recording, to singing actors, which further diminishes the recording's coherence. It becomes

**CLASSICAL UPDATE** Tallis: Spem in alium, etc Winchester Cathedral Choir (Hyperion CDA 66400) A fine choice of Tallis's Latin settings, including the Lamentations and sundry motets besides the 40-voice spectacular, but the big star here is the males

understandable why Kollo should have tried to bridge the gap with some moments of expressive violence - in his "Epitaph", for instance - but again, this only draws attention to the fundamental inconsistencies of the

To those may be added the inconsistency, if Weill is to be served, of setting the orchestra so far back. And if, as seems to be claimed, the "original" orchestration is being used, one wonders what an electric guitar is doing at the end of the "Ballad of Immoral Earnings". Since the orchestral sound is so drab and dead, though, none of this really matters.

Palestrina: "Assumpta est Maria" and "Sicut Ellum" masses Tallis Scholars (Girnell CDGIM 020) A striking contrast from these leading practitioners of Renaissance polyphony: the six-part Assumption mass is a triumph of responding ensembles; "Sicut tilium" grows in a longer, leaner

#### Sax with swing To one would put Stanley Turrentine high on a list of the most influential tenor

JAZZ Clive Davis

Stanley Turrentine The Best Of Stanley Turrentine (Blue Note CDP

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Nelson. On a more intimate scale, Since I Fell For You" finds Turrentine in coaxing mood, with bines-drenched backing from the Three Sounds, co-led by pianist Gene Harris.

Throughout, there is no excess baggage, the saxophone solos are

as spare and eloquent as a Bobby Bland vocal. A lesser-known piece, Randy Weston's elegiac "In Memory Of" shows Turrentine pulling out all the stops. Anyone who considered him little more than a superficial hard blower will need to account for this per-

JAZZ UPDATE

Steve Williamson A Waltz For Grace (Verve 843-088) A promising debut by the young saxophonist, marred by his penchant for taking a sawn-off shotgun to every chorus. Steve Coleman takes care of production on the New York segment of the project. Mike Westbrook Band Off Abbey Road (Enja/TipToe CD888-805) After Rossini and Cervantes

Lermon and McCartney are put through the Westbrook mincer in a reworking of Abbey

Road. Not for Beatles fains of

a nervous disposition.

Stan Getz The Girt From Ipanema — The Bossa Nova Years (Verve 823611) (four compact discs/cassettes) Five albums and assorted off-cuts from the most commercially successful phase of Getz's career. Getz/Gilberto is the highlight. of course, but the other sessions, ranging from collaborations with Laurindo Almeida and a big band featuring Bob Brookmeyer, are not to be overlocked.

formance. "Smiley Stary" sets pianist who shares his ability reach beyond the specialist jaz andience. A few days before the piece was cut, in January 1962, the two men were together again playing live at the Village Gate, in New York is a record of than performance, all six compositions written by McCann, plus two of takes from one of his 1960 days with vibist Bobby Hutcherse There is a raw, unpolished quality to the live material - a factor nor helped by some wayward steep recording. Drifting in and on of focus, McCann's piano sometimes sounds as if it is rolling around on castors. Turrentine is as forcefular ever, sparring with trumpeter line Mitchell and fellow tenorist Frank Haynes, but the material tends to fall too readily into the hard boo formula For collectors only i think

Horace Silver's compilmina starts with "Song For My Father" the 1964 standard which maried fruitful break with the hard hop conventions. "Que Pasa" and "Cape Verdean Blues" are further excursions into Latin texture. Silver's carefully structured arrangements ensuring that the soloing cannot stray too far from

The later compositions show signs of fatigue – two volumes are a large space to fill, even for a composer as prolific as Silver but Turrentine is back in harness for "Serenade To A Soul Sister".

#### A-Z GUIDE TO ROCK

Part 22 of David Sinclair's collectors' A-Z, a guide to the essential albums of the most enduring performers of rock. To qualify for inclusion in this series, an act

must have sustained a recording career of at least 10 years, and have mustered at least one decent album during that time. The entries are designed to be pasted

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#### AL GREEN

he finest popular singer of the decade", declared critic Robert Christgau in 1976, and although Al Green's legend has taken some hard knocks since he switched to evangelical mode in the Eighties, he was on a par for some time with the giants of crossover soul, Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder. On signing to producer Wille Mitchell's Hi label in 1969, Green inherited the Stax house band and

picked up the baton dropped by the late Soul gian picked up the baton dropped by the late Otts Redding. Ridling the deep, sensual grooves provided by Al Jackson's slackened snare and coloured by the rich, dark sound of the world's warmest horn section, Green's lambent voice became the hallmark of Seventies' Memphis soul on a glorious shot silk string of million-sellers: "Tired O' Being Alone", "I'm Still in Love With You", "Call Me (Come Back Home)" and "Here I Am (Come And Soul giant: Al Green (Come Back Home)" and "Here I Am (Come And Take Me)", since collated with many others on The Best Of Al Green (1988). He was also a consistent albums artist, his best by a short neck being I'm Still In Love With You (1972) and Call Me (1973).



#### GREEN ON RED

Surely the most scandalously over-looked band of the last decade; San Francisco's Green On Radi produced the best album release in 1989 in Here Come The Snakes, angry, sleazy, ragged and time display of American rebel rock brave Convened initially as the Serfers by Dan Stuart in 1979, the band sunk its routs securely in the fertile soil of blues and Green country, but Stuart's unruly tendency towards bohemian excess lent the music a warped, chaotic quality and partly accounted.

for the band's passage through the hands of five record companies with their first six albums. Of these Gas Food Lodging (Zippo 1985) remains a minor classic which owes debts to both Dylan and the Stones on tracks such as "That's What Dreams" and the immortal "Hair Of The Dog". Stuart's feverish whine of a voice, a sound like wood splitting, was by this time married to the divinety acidic twang of guitartst Chuck Prophet, a resourceful player with a technique that is, like the group itself, more about feet

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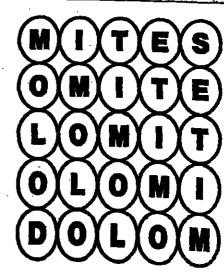
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#### **GARDENING**

### Why continue robbing the wetlands when peat is not the most efficient compost? Francesca Greenoak reports

he mild days of the past week have been accompanied by chilly nights, as I realized when I saw that the yellow centres of the wild strawberry flowers had turned black and infertile. The chill was not so great as to damage the profusion of spring flowers, but enough to cause the wary gardener to pause before sawing seeds out of doors.

The impulse to sow that comes upon every gardener when spring is in the air can be satisfied by sowing in seed trays and nursing the seedlings along until the weather is mild enough for them to be planted outside. In fact, many gardeners, not only those in cold areas, prefer to start their plants off in seed trays. thus avoiding slug damage and uneven germination due to fluctuations in temperature.

With the awakening of environmental consciences filling seed trays and containers with commercial peat composts has begun to be questioned. Taking a wider perspective, there is no point in making a garden fertile at the expense of depleting natural habitats elsewhere. It has become obvious that the world's wetlands, a unique and dwindling habitat supporting a specialized range of plants and wildlife, cannot stand the extra threat posed by the continuous mechanical extraction of peat. However, up until now conservationists and environmentalists have failed to convince the seed compost companies of the necessity of providing an alternative base

We seem to have become addicted to peat as a seed and potting compost. Even less sensibly, it is used in huge quantities as a soil improver which achieves shortterm and not totally successful results. Peat contracts rapidly, adds no virtue to the soil and needs to be renewed every three to four months. As soil improvers home-made compost and composted bark are much more effective,

The peat fixation occurred because it was so convenient for the horticultural trade: its low nutrient content is an asset for large-scale growing, it is lightweight and (in financial terms) cheap. With the increase in container-grown plants it was used more and more in preference to sterilized John Innes soil-based loam composts. The concerns of the professional grower with thousands of seedlings or cuttings are not necessarily those of the domestic gardener, and we may have been persuaded into buying

peat products unnecessarily. All my early gardening was done in blissful ignorance of commercial products. I simply used garden soil, not even sieving it for cuttings and potting. I have to admit that no dire discuses and planues befell my



## For peat's sake

time went on, I fell in with the general trend and have dutifully bought commercial seed and potting composts.

Every year for the past four years compost manufacturers have told me they have had no plans to discontinue or decrease the peat content of their products, but recently I have encountered new developments which will, I hope, eventually halt the large-scale extraction from wetlands. Even better news is that the proposed alternatives are produced from recycled waste products.

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Gardener, an RHS Wisley

I recently visited Mrs Catherine Dawson, technical director of Cambark, at its Cambridgeshire headquarters. I had used samples of its bark and peat composts and was keen to learn about further developments. Such bark mixtures have been used in the trade for a decade or more and are well thought of by nurserymen. The experimental research station at Efford has shown distinct advantages over peat, especially with respect to rooting

Mrs Dawson has a keen interest in her job but emphasizes that as a scientist she promotes Cambark

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products "because they do a good job, not because they are a peat alternative". In fact the bark/peat compost proportions are 70 per cent peat, and 30 per cent processed bark. However, there are plans at Cambark to use recycled municipal wastes from a research and development company called the Soil Concern (part of an organization called Secondary Resources). In what amounts to a sophisticated composting operation, the Soil Concern removes dangerous elements from municipal waste (some for further recycling) and converts the rest into sterile compost.

#### **WEEKEND TIPS**

 Sow salvias, nitcotiana and dianthus (pinks) in the greenhouse, to be planted out later. Begin sowing peas such as Meteor in milder regions; delay for a week or two in colder northerly

 Watch out for big buds on blackcurrants - cut off and dispose of any shoots when you see them.

 Plant out early potatoes, ideally with good shoots beginning to grow on them. Make sure plants in conservatories and greenhouses don't dry out and scorch when the sun shines.

### **OUTINGS**

## Joys of motherhood

The origins of Mothering Sunday are obscure. In the ecclesiastical calendar it is known as "Laetare Sunday", a joyful day in mid-Lent when the Pope blesses the Golden Rose, mothers are "blessed" and, in ancient times, communicants visited Mother Church. In rural areas it is still sometimes called Simnel Sunday (simnel, from which "semolina" is derived, is a kind of fine flour, bread or cake made from the same). Since Victorian times Mothering Sunday has been associated with the giving of small signs of appreciation to women who have nurtured children. Latterly it has become heavily commercialized - card manufacturers and florists do a roaring trade. Modern mothers would probably agree that it's the thought that counts, but if you want to go further and treat your mother, many restaurants will be laying on special meals. Among these is the Quarry Bank Mill in Styal, Cheshire (0625 527468), which includes flowers for all mothers, or the Didcot Railway Centre in Oxfordshire (0235 817200) has a special Mothering Sunday Steam Day. And Lucknam Park, near Bath (0225 743536), offers a dinner recital with champagne reception at which the pianist Howard Shelley plays music by Mozart, Chopin and Mussorgsky.

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ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR: More than 100 stalls selling a wide range of craft items. The Assembly Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 10.30am-5.30pm, Adult £1, accompanied child under 14

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SOUTH-EASTERN INDOOR SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS: Equestrians compete for titles culminating in the championships tomorrow. Towerlands Equestrian Further information (0376)

26802). Today, tomorrow, from 9am. Admission free. MAP AND COMPASS COURSE: An opportunity for walkers to discover how easy it is to find their way around the countryside. Booking is essential - but there is another opportunity next Saturday.
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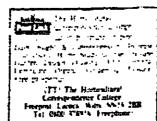
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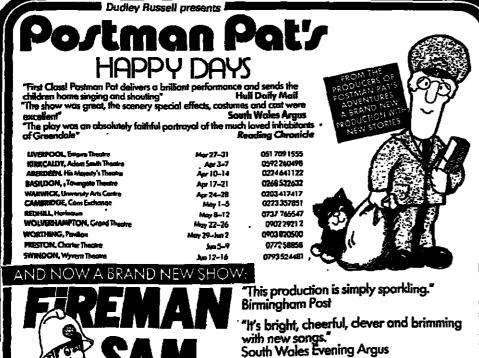
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#### **SHOPPING**

# Phoney boxes

A slice of British tradition is being re-connected to the Nineties, says

Nicole Swengley

nyone mourning the phasing out of Britain's traditional red telephone kiosks will be happy to know that they can buy one of their own. But what, you may ask, would one do with a ton of old Post Office memorabilia? The answer, says Willy White, an entrepreneur, is to turn it into a drinks cabinet, or an aquarium. But he is open to other ideas for using the 1,500 kiosks he has bought from British Telecom.

A shower-room might be a refreshing idea, he thinks, or a library. Used as a greenhouse a kiosk would make a talking point

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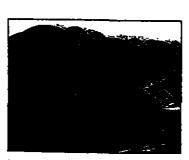
among the neighbours.

Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, who designed the original version in 1924, is probably turning in his grave at such sacrilege. But the cast-iron kiosk had a style of its own, so it seems only natural that it should be customized to express its new owners' intensits.

its new owners' interests.

Mr White, who undertakes light engineering, painting and demolition jobs, lives on a farm in Essex, which provides the space needed to store his rows of red boxes. His love affair with kiosks began two years ago when he was contracted to remove all the old boxes in East Anglia. Since then, he says, the conservationists have fought back and only half the original number of kiosks given the death sentence in 1985 have disappeared from the landscape.

The new BT kiosks, with their stainless steel and tinted glass, may be much easier to maintain, but the aesthetics are just not the same, So all round the country red telephone boxes are being "listed" as historic monuments to ensure their survival, in particular the slightly larger K2 London version.
"I love everything about them; their shape, colour, style," Mr



White says. "So I bought up a whole lot intending to restore them. Then I thought it would be fun to adapt them to other uses."

He plans to revamp boxes into washing machines and tumble driers, or turn them into self-contained cooking hobs complete with extractor fans. Birdcages, fridge/freezers, ice-makers, coffee machines and saunas may seem like fantasies at this stage, but he has already made one transatlantic flight with a drinks cabinet phone box, which he installed at the New England Carousel Museum in Connecticut. And he has sold one to Chas (of entertainers Chas and Dave) in off-the-street-condition, vandalism and all.

Mr White will install an original Bakelite phone with a memory-jerking button A and B operation in his refurbished boxes. There is no regulation against using these as working telephones once the wiring has been updated, so long as the royal crown at the top of the kiosk is covered.

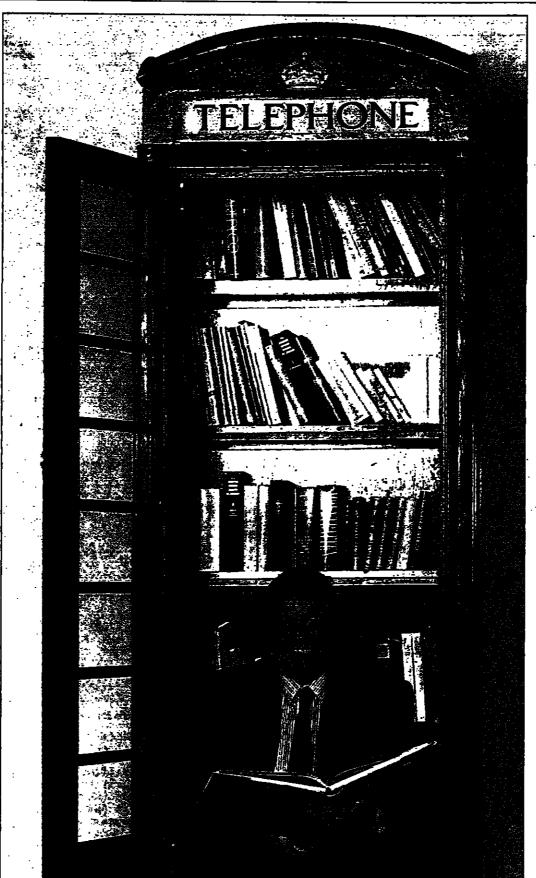
"British Telecom has cottoned

"British Telecom has cottoned on to the idea that the public does not want part of its heritage to vanish," he says. "So it is now selling off some boxes by auction. I reckon that in two years' time all the available boxes that are not listed will have been sold."

Buying a slice of British tradition is not cheap. The basic boxes cost from £300, restored boxes £850. Those refurbished as a library cost £1,500, a shower-room £2,000, and an aquarium £7,000. The drinks cabinet kiosk comes at £3,500 with a free bottle of champagne. All prices plus VAT.

• Willy White, Fyfield Hall, Fyfield, Essex CMS OSA (0277 85495).

 Requiem for a Red Box, a pictorial account of the decline of the red telephone box, compiled by John Timpson (Pyramid Books, £12.95).







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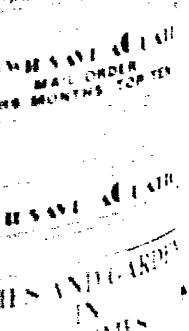
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THE WEEK AHEAD

From Fri. DUST IN THE WIND: Hou Hsiaohsen's affectionate drama about the tribulations of teenage friends forced to come to the big city;

made in 1986. ICA Cinema (01-930 3647). From THE CITADEL: Grimly humorous and poignant tale of a young Arab villager forced to marry; written and directed by Mohamed

Metro (01-437 0757). From Fri.





Cellist supremo: Heinrich Schiff

SCHIFF SINFONIA: The cellist Heinrich Schiff, who is to take over as artistic director of the Northern Sinfonia, conducts and performs Vivaldi with the City of London Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Today.

SACRED, PROFANE: The Nash Ensemble with Debussy's Danse Sacrée et Danse Profane. Wigmore Hall, London W1 (01-935

ROCOCO TCHAIKOVSKY: Series devoted to the music of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies starts with Tchaikovsky's Rococo Variations; Paul Daniel conducts the RPO. Royal Festival Hall, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Tues.

**EGMONT AND EMPEROR: The** RPO again, conducted by Sir Yehudi Menuhin with works including Beethoven's Egmont Overture, and his Piano Concerto No 5 "Emperor". Fairfield Hall, Croydon (01-688 9291, cc 01-680 5955). Wed.

**OPERA** 

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Die *Meistersinger,* in John Cox's production, returns to Covent Garden conducted by Christoph von Dohnányi. Thurs. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

**ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA:** Prokofiev's *The Gambler* back in David Pountney's gripping production. Thurs and Sat Mar 31. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane London WC2 (01-836 3161).

SCOTTISH OPERA: Its powerful Stravinsky and Bartok double bill, Oedipus Rex and Bluebeard's Castle on Wed and Fri; also new production of La forza del destino, tonight and Sat Mar 31. Theatre Royal, Newcastle (091 232

**WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: New** but traditional production of Der Rosenkavalier by Wolfgang Weber Orchestrally strong. Wed and Sat Mar 31.

Mayflower Theatre, Southampton (0703 229771).

#### THEATRE

ABINGDON SQUARE: Shared ABINGDON SOUARE: Shared Experience/Soho Poly production of Maria Irene Fornes' play, with Philip Voss, Annabelle Apsion and Pearce Quigley.

Cottesloe, Royal National Theatre, SE1 (01-928 2252). Preview Thurs. Opens Fri. 19 perfs only.

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL: RSC transfer Barry Kyle's production, from Stratford 1989. Barbican, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Previews from tonight. Opens Fri. In repertory.

**BESIDE HERSELF: New Sarah** Daniels play about three women of differing education and class. Royal Court, London SW1 (01-730 1745). Previews from Thurs. Opens Apr 4.

COTTON PATCH GOSPEL: New York cast in a musical satire by the late Harry Chapin, based on the gospels of Maithew and

Westminster Theatre, London SW1 (01-834 0283). Previews from

EDEN: Steve Carter's tale of frustrated love in 1920s New York between a West Indian girl and a Southern US black boy. Riverside Studio One London W6 (01-748 3354). Previews from Frl. Opens Apr 2.

LOOK LOOK: New Michael Frayn play about the theatre audience. Mike Ockrent directs Stephen Fry, Robin Beiley, Margaret Courtenay, Gabrielle Drake, Serena Gordon. Aldwych, London WC2 (01-836 6404). Previews from Fri. Opens Apr 17

MARYA: Christopher Hampton's adaptation of the 1935 Isaac Babel play about the Russian Revolution.
With Geoffrey Bayldon, Julie
Legrand, Sylvestra Le Touzel,
Robert Demeger, Allan Corduner.
Old Vic, London SE1 (01-928 7616). Previews from Thurs. Opens Adrá.

**MOONSHINERS:** James Pettifer's study of the early days of Bing Crosby. Starring Johnny Myers. Palace, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex (0702 342564). Opens Thurs.

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE: Paul Nicholas and Bonnie Langford in the New York Shakespeare Company version of G & S. Palladium, London W1 (01-437 7373). Previews tonight, Mon. Opens Tues.

THE LAST DAYS OF DON JUAN: Nick Dear adaptation of Tirso de Molina's 17th century original. With Linus Roache in central role, directed by Danny Boyle. Swan Theatre, Royal Shakespeare Company, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623), Previews from Thurs. Opens Apr 5.

VOLPONE: With Ian McDiarmid and Denis Lawson, directed by Nicholas Hytner. Almeida, London N1 (01-359 4404). Previews from Thurs. Opens Apr 3.

JAZZ

JOHN SCOFIELD: Jazz, funk and

rock from the hyperactive
American guitarist,
Monkey's Club, Brentwood, Essex
(0277 218897/217084) tonight; then
Town & Country Club, London; The

Zap Club, Brighton; Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham; St George's, Bristol; Irish Centre, Leeds;

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and their own hotch-potch of

player embarks on an Arts Council

Queen's Hall, Edinburgh.



Giving their all: (left to right) Bea Arthur, Angela Lansbury, Julia McKenzie, with David Kernan, centr-

services to a fund-raising gala on Sunday evening at the Shaftesbury Theatre. Bea Arthur from The Golden Girls, Angela Lansbury and Julia McKenzie will be joined by many others, including Stephen Sondheim, Jill Bennett, Maria Aitken, Ian McKellen, Petula Clark, Millicent Martin, Maureen Lipman, Jill Gascoine, Josephine Blake, Tony Britton, Christopher Cazenove, Michael Cashman, Bonnie Langford, Maria Friedman, Joss Ackland, Barbara Windsor, Mark Wynter and journalist Jack Tinker, in a show paying tribute to the late Ray Cook, who was

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#### OUTINGS



Puppet fame at last: Miss Piggy

MUPPETS, MONSTERS, AND MAGIC, AND THE NEW IMAX: Exhibition devoted to the world's most famous puppets; plus the secrets of special effects and the new imax (large-format) film, To The Limit, exploring the human

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Sculpture and fine art paintings by the West End Studio Group. House Carpenters Gallery, The Historic Dockyard, Chatham (0634 812551). Opens Wed:

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL ANTIQUES FAIR: Quality antiques at 124 stands. National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham (021 7804141). Opens

SPRINGFIELDS, GARDENS SEASON: Magnificent 25-acre landscaped garden. Springfields Horticultural Society, Spalding, Lincolnshire (0775 724843). Opens Fri.

#### GALLERIES

JOHN KEANE: A series of works, inspired by "the Troubles" in Ulster, by a seductively fluent, brilliant painter who resists slogans and is one of few visual artists who can be considered an insightful interpreter of modern history. A

show to see. Flowers East, London E8 (01-985 3333). Now on. EMRYS WILLIAMS: Bleak.

convincingly expressionistic pictures of figures braving windy promenades on the North Wales

Library Arts Centre, Wrexham (0978 261932). From Fri. JOHN CHAMBERLAIN: Pieces by the leading American abstract

expressionist sculptor whose

works look disarmingly like wreckage from a car accident. Waddington Galleries, London W1 (01-437 8611). From Wed. ART/LONDON 90: Some 120 galleries from 14 countries get together for an annual four-day jamboree with lectures, the full spectrum of art work and, if you look like a buyer, some word-perfect, hyperbolic sales patter. Olympia, London W8 (01-486

1951). From Thurs. IVON HITCHENS (1893-1979): Selection of 45 landscapes of the same Sussex locations by a great artist keenly aware of minute seasonal and atmospheric changes. York City Art Gallery (0904

623839). From today. PAINTERS AND POETS IN PRINTS: A show about artists books, not monographs but artworks in book form, which, ince 1970, have become a growth industry with everyone of any repute trying the new genre for

Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle (091 232 7734). From Fri.

WILL LAM BUIRROUGHS AND KEITH HARING: Apocalypse and The Valley, two collaborations between Burroughs, the novelist, uxoricide and sometimes painter and collagist, and a briefly fashionable 1980s graffit artist who died last month.
The October Gallery, London (01-242 7367). From Thurs.

**PAINTING IN FOCUS:** A recent acquisition, Winter Landscape by German Romantic painter Caspar David Friedrich (1774-1840), is placed under the microscope of scholarly scrutiny and compared with other versions of the same

The National Gallery, London WC2 (01-839 3321). From Wed. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WALES: The reopening of this museum's renovated Old Master galleries, the first stage in a complete refurbishment programme.
National Museum of Wales, Cardiff (0222 397951), From Wed.

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have never been exhibited before. Zelda Cheatle, London WC2 (01-836 0506). From Wed.

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tendency to stereotype individuals.

Extensive use is made of life-size

masks to obscure an individual's

identity. Stills Gallery, Edinburgh (031 5571140) From Fri.

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MAGNUM: Zelda Cheatle

# Vizorous imagination: R. B. Kitaj Up all Night (Fulham Road)

he British Art Show, featuring works by artists under 35, opened in Glasgow in January. Rubbished by critics as factional and misrepresentative, the show's heavy leaning towards the installations and constructions favoured by graduates of Gold-smith's College in London -where one of the selector's teachers taught - seemed to suggest a silly prejudice against painting. Indeed, only a couple of the 40 artists included were pure painters. That exhibition now moves to Leeds City Art Gallery (0532 462495, from Friday) and has given way to its antidote, Glasgow's Great British Art Exhibition, selected by gallery director, writer and critic Julian Spalding. This was arranged at only fc. ir months' notice to redress the one-sided account given in The British Art Show.

Spalding has chosen to celebrate hard-won achievement instead of experiments by the fashionable avant-garde. In his show there will be at least two new works each by 50 artists, many of whom have not been exhibited before in Glasgow. Spalding's safe but sound "Old Master" line-up will include Bacon, Hockney, Freud, Andrews, Auerbach, Kossoff, Davie and Bellany. Glasgow's Great British Art Exhibition starts on Tuesday at McLennan Galleries, Glasgow (041 331 1854). David Lee

#### DANCE

LONDON CITY BALLET: André Prokovsky's dramatic ballet based on Dumas and Verdi opens a brief London visit (Mon-Thurs), followed by a programme ranging from comedy in *Graduation Ball* to drama in *Transfigured Night* and powerful dancing in Three Dances to Japanese Music (Fri and Sat Mar 31). 278 8916).

**ROYAL BALLET:** The season resumes with The Prince of the

Pagodas. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). Wed, Fri and Sat Mar 31

**ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET** GALA: Many guest stars make brief appearances.
Royal Albert Hall, London SW7 (01-589 8212 and 631 4920). Tues. **BOLSHO! STARS:** A touring group

headed by Tatiana Bessmertnova will give a programme of short Theatre Royal, Norwich (0608-628205). Tues-Sat Mar 31.

#### **CHESS**

¬he Reykjavik chess summit which finished last week reconfirmed Britain's position as number two in the chess world, second only to the mighty Russians. This was an elite event for teams of 10 from the USSR, England, the US and Scandinavia. The final result was nailbitingly close, with the English team (once again generously supported by merchant bankers Duncan Lawrie) frustratingly close to the gold medals.

Final scores (out of a total of 60 points possible) were USSR 311/2, England 31, US 30, Scandinavia 271/2. Our real achievement, though, was to inflict an historic 6-4 defeat upon the Russians in the penultimate round. This was the very first time that a British team had beaten the 3 Soviets at senior level. Indeed. over the top seven boards of the match, England registered the overwhelming score of 51/2-11/2 with Nunn, Adams, Suba and King notching up English wins. Here is one of them against the victor of this year's Hastings Premier. White: Sergei Dolmatov;

Black: Daniel King, Visa/IBM Reykjavik Summit March 14. Sicilian Defence.

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10 Bxs4 No8 12 0-0-0 Ne5 14 h3 Rc8 11 Od2 13 Kb1

Black sacrifices a pawn to activate his position. 16 Bxc4 Rxc4 17 Bxd6 Bxd6 18 Cxd6 Qc8 The threat is now ... Rxc3

followed by ... Nxe4. White hastens to prevent this. 19 Rd4 Rud4 20 Nad4 Rd8 21 Qb6 Re8 22 Rd1 b5 23 Nd5 Bad5 24 gd5 In playing this White must

have mistakenly thought that Black could not capture on e4. 24 \_ Nxe4 25 Nxe4 Rxe4



26...Kh7 27 Rxc8 Re1 checkmate. The upshot of this is that Black now has the initiative based on the weakness of

Oc3 29 18 g6 Re2 31 Od8+ Kh7

White's pawns. 26 Or Res 27 Rff Gc4 28 b3 Oc3 29 f8 g6 26 Q12 28 b3 30 CP8

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Solution to yesterday's position: 1 RxdSi RxdS 2 Qe5+1 Rxe5 3 St6 mass. Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1...8c5. The three winners of *The Times* personal chess computers are: Sarah Busby, Rossin, Cardit; Robert J. Hulley, Croydon, Surrey, Nr J. Turner, Weterlooville, Portsment in Namenthins

Raymond Keene

### **BRIDGE**

¬he French word for deception has an extra connotation when app-The harvest begins. Black's lied to bridge, for great thinkpassed king-side pawns are a ers have developed many ning ways of stealing tricks in the trump suit.

As this suit so often plays a starring role, these are well worth studying. The general idea is that you do not easily resign yourself to losing the obvious tricks. (1) Dummy

Declarer 10-9-x-x-x-x (2) Dummy J-x-x-x Declarer 10-8-x-x In (1), the resourceful player crosses to dummy and leads the queen, hoping that East may cover with K-x, to his

Q-J-x-x

will note that you have not taken a finesse and will place East with the ace. In (2), not so many players realize that it is still a bright idea to cross to dummy and lead high. Now you may crash the opponents' honours if East splits his equals with K-Q-x or plays the ace from A-Q-x.

partner's disgust. It is no use

leading low from the closed

hand, for if West has K-x he

To lead the jack may cost a trick if West has all the outstanding cards, but this is unlikely. With A-K-Q-9, West would probably have doubled in a voice fit to call the cattle home across the sands o' Dee. or at least would have huffed and puffed a little. How about

combination? (3) Dummy Q-x-x-x Declarer IO-x-x-x

with K-J-x or A-J-x. It is true that leading the queen will cost if West has A-K-J, but frequently the bidding will rule this out. Again:

(4)·Dummy J-x-x-x (5) Declarer K-9-8-x-x

The normal play is to lead low from dummy and put up the king. Suppose instead that you lead the jack, still intending to play the king. Now you may save a trick if East is tempted to cover with Q-10-x or A-Q-x.

Leading the jack may incur parmer's wrath if East happens to have the singleton queen or small card, so this is done only when there are grounds for thinking that West, rather than East, is likely to be short in the suit. The principle always is this:

Consider the advantage of leading a high card through the defender who is likely to hold the majority of trumps. Here is a typical sequen

where defender can readily be identified. You are South. W N . E

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Your left-hand opponent has over-called in a suit and the right-hand opponent has not supported. The chances of the second opponent having a first trick with the ace of singleton in your trump suit are now quite small. As he has not scraped up a raise, he is more likely to be short in his partner's suit than in yours. Deception based on the

trump suit is not limited to the way you handle the suit itself. It can extend to the complete .tactical plan. By leading the queen from Defenders sometimes have

dummy, you get your name in little to go on and may be lights whenever East covers constrained to follow the same principle as the harassec mother who instructed her elder child to find out what Johnny was doing and tell him to stop. As declarer, you can profit from this tendency.

Thus, if you want the defenders to lead trumps, you pretend to be planning a crossruff. If you really do want to cross-ruff, you act as though such a thought had never entered your mind.

Dummy **♦**J105 ♥A97652 ∴ Q **+1086** Declarer **★**KQ986

**♣**Q.732

The contract is four snades You have only eight tricks: four trump tricks, three diamonds and a heart.

If you can discard two clubs from dummy on the top diamonds, you may be able to ruff twice, bringing the tally to ten. It will, however, be necessary to give up a club trick along the way.

If you start by cashing the diamonds, the defenders will surely play two rounds of trumps when they come in with a club and you will be held to one ruff in dummy. Therefore, on winning the

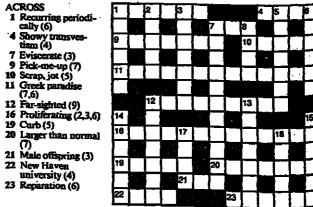
hearts, you should boldly lead a club from dummy and play the queen. You will be very unlucky if West returns a club. It is more likely that he will play a heart. Now your deception will have worked and you will be able to exisim: "Vive la tromperie."

Albert Dormer

### **CROSSWORD**

#### **CONCISE NO 2135**

Prizes of the Collins Concise Dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, March 29. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, I Pennington Street, London, El 9XN. The winners and solution will be encouraged as Security West, and the support of the control of the contro solution will be announced on Saturday, March 31.



SOLUTION TO NO 2134

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## West Indies scythed down

Port of Spain Trinidad

English prayers were answered in Port of Spain yesterday. The coin fell for Graham Gooch, the West Indies were obliged to bat and, glory be, their three most accomplished players were out inside the first hour. Soon, it was a staggering 29 for five and then 114 for eight.

It was all proceeding so neatly to the prescribed plan that one sat in permanent fear of waking up to discover that the real match had not actually begun. The miracles of Sabina Park, when West In-dies were dismissed for 164 on the opening day, suddenly seemed almost mundane.

Long before lunch, with England in heady command, Fraser and Small were operating to fields of a belligerence they cannot have contemplated when, in the first half of the winter, they surveyed their role on this tour. There were four slips, a short leg and a silly mid-off while Gooch. adrenalin flowing as never before, sought to turn the

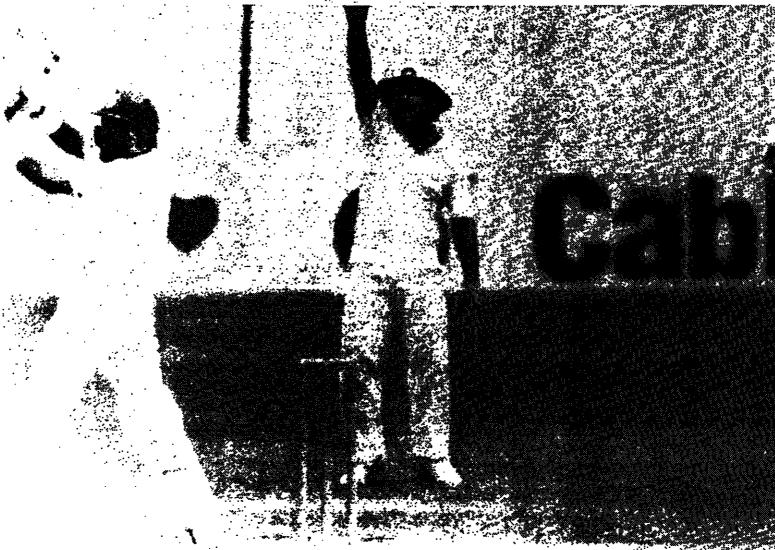
No longer did he need to convince his young charges that they were bowling first to win the game, rather than to avoid losing it. The evidence was being frantically shuffled on to the scoreboard as each West Indian "trudged his sorrowful path back to the pavilion.

To say the toss was important would grossly understate the case. It was potentially the pivotal moment of this entire series. The sense of anticipation for this match did not climax at start of play but with the inspection of the coin by the captains.

It was pure theatre. Gooch. in his England blazer, had been pacing the square and perusing the matted grass of the pitch for some minutes before the smiling Desmond Haynes, captain of West Indies for the first time, joined him. Up went the coin, Gooch called heads and with a revealing skip, hastily signalled to the dressing room the news

Some grass, though not much, had been trimmed overnight but these were still conditions to make a seam bowler swoon. In the circumstances, it was no more a surprise to see England omit Hemmings from their squad than for the West Indies to leave out Lara and Baptiste.

Small and Malcolm were again given the new ball and, if the first over was uneventful. the second compensated. Malcolm required no time to loosen up; from the first ball he was a fury. Three times in the over he dropped short against Greenidge, who was on. But the last ball climbed innings, was worthy of evident distress and Fraser's Moseley and Ambrose.



Cause for celebration: Dujon is trapped leg-before and his dismissal is greeted with jubilation by Lamb, Gooch and Stewart in the Test in Trinidad

into him as he played back and it was as much as he could do to jab it into Stewart's midriff at short leg.

Richardson marched in, bristlingly intent that Malcolm would not tame him. Gooch speculatively shifted a second man out deep for the hook and it had a sedating effect. Haynes, however, quickly played a shot unworthy of his new respon-Sidulity, driving nungrily at Small and edging a sharp, hiphigh catch to Lamb at third

By now the ground, slightly more than half full, was hushed as if in resignation. Perhaps it was simply confusion. The majority Asian population here has taken such offence at Viv Richards's recent utterings that few are sorry he is not playing and some openly declare their support for England.

Fraser always had it in him to be the most influential howler in these conditions and now he was to demonstrate the point. The last ball of his first over, the 12th of the

#### Scoreboard

WEST INDIES: First Innings o nicharuson e Russell b F L Best e Lamb b Fraser..... J L Dujon low b Strail ..... Logie not out Hooper e Russell b Capal Massley e Research b Links

Total (8 wids)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-5, 3-22 5-29, 6-82, 7-93, 8-103. ENGLAND: "G A GOOCH, W Larkins, A Stewart, A J Lamb, R A Smith, R Balley, D J Capel, TR C Russell, G A Small, A R C Fraser, D E Malcolm.

dislodging the best. Richardson was drawn forward, beaten off the pitch and the contact was thin but distinct. England would have settled

for this as a morning's work but they did not relent. Carlisle Best is nothing if not a fighter, as he showed when batting for three and a half hours in the second innings at Kingston, but now his concentration seemed disturbed by two blows on the left hand. The second of them left him shaking the hand in

next ball was the sucker punch. Best hanging out his bat and thrashing his pads in disgust as the ball looped to third slip.

One of Haynes's most interesting acts had been to promote Dujon from seven to five in the order. Dujon has feh keenly he has been wasted batting so low but he did his cause no good here. Small ducked a ball back at him and Dujon, shouldering arms, was

Twenty nine for five was too much to take in. There simply had to be a recovery of always those with the most sorts and, to nobody's surprise, the originator was Logie. At Lord's, in 1988, England had briefly been rich beyond imagination with the West Indies 54 for five on the pressure, not in terms of first day. Logie and Dujon corrected matters with a stand of 130. Now it was Logie and Hooper, the little hustler and the tall, haughty stroke player, who revived their critically ill team, but it was to end at 92 when Hooper was out and followed soon after by obviously in no doubt as to his

## England show they are able to live with the pressure

When it comes to judging individuals, it is often a measure of a player's calibre as to how well he is able to cope with the pressures of a higher class of cricket, a quality best described as big match temperament. It is not obvious talent who move to be the most adept at handling the likes of one-day finals or Test match cricket - similar, I hasten to add, only in terms of

At the moment, in Trinidad, it is not so much individuals as the team to which we can currently ascribe this ability to turn on a performance when most important.

Graham Gooch was very



The former England captain comments on the first day of the third Test match intentions on winning the toss

from Desmond Haynes in the latter's first Test as the West Indies captain.

The ground rules that appear to govern the preparation of the pitch in Trinidad dictate that, in order to provide a surface that has a chance of surviving five days, an extra quota of water and grass are needed at the outset, which normally means that the game does not last those

But winning the toss is only

### Robson ready to recall Wilkins

From Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

Bobby Robson, in order to preserve his own position as England's manager, is prepared to recall the nation's most experienced outfield player for the World Cup. Ray Wilkins, who has been out of consideration for 31/2 years, could be brought back into the squad for the finals.

Although he is not in the party scheduled to assemble tomorrow night for Wednesday's international against Brazil, Wilkins could yet overtake those higher in the list of

If England's captain, Bryan Robson, recovers fully from his hernia operation, Wilkins is unlikely to be required in Italy. If not, then he could return to the tournament which he left in disgrace, Against Morocco, in the first round of the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, he was sent off.

Aged 33 and only a few months older than Bryan Robson, Wilkins has been in prime form at Queen's Park Rangers this season. "He was playing well with Rangers in Scotland as well," Bobby Robson said here yesterday, "And I certainly have not ruled him

England's manager was not aware until yesterday evening that yet another of his midfield players had withdrawn from the match against the Brazilians. As well as Bryan Robson, Webb, Rocastle and Thomas, who could be out for three weeks, he is also without

Hodge was included by Bobby Robson among the candidates who are vying for places as understudies. The others are Gascoigne, Mc-Mahon, Phelan and Cowans, who has been chosen only once in the last 21/2 years. Wilkins, with 84 caps, is by far the most experienced representative and would provide leadership.

Bobby Robson reacted sto-England win the World Cup is his contract likely to be extended. "All I'm thinking about is the tournament," he said. "That is occupying my mind, my interest and my efforts. What happens afterwards will be decided between me and the Football

Association. "We have qualified, we are in a big field and we will give it our very best attempt. But winning the World Cup won't depend just on me but on the performance of the players. The champions will be the team which has the most world-class players and, I can tell you, I've got some of

## Amateurism remains the order of the day

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

yesterday but remain standing. At the end of their annual meeting in London, the International Rugby Football Board (IRFR) decided to extend the principle of compensation to domestic internationals, as well as tours, which comprises broken-time payments if you are English but earthy logic if you art Australian

That constituted the main revision of the amateur regulations, but a working party has been established. comprising representatives from England, Ireland, Wales and New Zealand, to study the regulations as they relate to communication for reward" (broadcasting, writing, enforcement of regulations, advertising), with a brief to. But though the hopes of

#### IRFB sour to Halliday

Simon Halliday, the Bath and Ingland threequarter, described the IRIB decision as "the fidge we always knew it would be." Halliday, a stockbroker who has seldom made himself available for of business, said he was disappointed at the stance adopted by the Rugby Football Union over the question of compensation (David

Hands writes. We're going to have a situation where some players will be more advantaged than others," he said. "There will be a free-for-all in which some people will fall foul of the rules because they are not careful and others will flout them and get away with it.

The portals of riighy union's amateurism quivered again interim meeting in Edinburgh make a financial killing from in October this year. Sir Ewart Bell, the chairman

of the IRFB amateurism committee, said the board had sought compromise and concensus and were poised to determine the mechanism by which the game worldwide can be controlled. The four key issues his committee faced had been play-for-pay - which had received a "resounding no" from all areas of the game compensation, material benefits from the game and effective control.

Bell will chair the working party whose discussions will include the possibility of officers being appointed by member unions for the uniform

"It is admirable on one level because it would be a shame to see the game disappear down like. But the board have missed the opportunity to make pro rata payments for tours because of the pressure time spent away from the office and offered only

Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, who stated earlier this week his union's policy of apposition to the payment of daily allowances at home said: "The regulations as they stand

are difficult to enforce and I believe there are minor abuses. But I am pleased the board restated, as expected, its dedication to keeping rugby

personal appearances have been dashed - temporarily -Bell said that players whose bona fide occupation was the promotion of themselves, as at least two New Zealanders have done, was legitimate.

Five of the board's members - Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, France and Wales - voted for a package of revised regulations, which would have allowed peripheral rewards. Ireland was firmly opposed to any change whatsoever while England and Scotland's agreement was conditional upon a detailed study Since the board requires a three-quarters majority, the three dissenters carried the day, giving ground only on the

Players and up to four nominated officials will now be able to claim an allowance of £20 a day while preparing for "a union's senior national representative team", though such payments are at the discretion of each union and should not exceed actual financial hardship, which requires a statutory declaration.

question of compensation.

The word "senior" has been introduced into the regulation to underline the point that it is applicable to a very limited number of top players. The sum involved repre-

sents an increase of £2 on the existing tour allowance, Scottish players on tour to New Zealand this summer, for instance, will be able to claim a personal and communications allowance of £20 a day and, in cases of financial hardship, a tour allowance of £20 a day. When the British Lions toured Australia last year, Bell said, half had claimed the first amount

## Celtic plan repeat of fine cup form

quality.

By Roddy Forsyth

opportunity to repeat the lacerating form which each of derby meeting between them displayed while dispos- Dundee United and Dundee ing of hapless opponents during their Scottish Cup quarterfinal matches.

Aberdeen's dismemberment of Heart of Midlothian has been the occasion for considerable euphoria around Pittodrie, and it is all the more ominous for Motherwell that they must travel to that venue this afternoon with their resources greatly depleted. Cooper and O'Neill are

both injured, while Paterson is obliged to cope with a family illness, and the inventive Kirk will struggle to overcome a back injury. In contrast, Aberdeen have merely to decide whether to supplement their strength by permitting Miller to risk his vulnerable knee with a return to first team action.

Dunfermline Athletic, meanwhile, appear to be in greater peril than Motherwell. They meet Celtic for the third time in a week, having drawn with the Parkhead side in the cup at East End Park last Saturday and been demolished in the replay in Glasgow on Wednesday night

Although they have home advantage again today. Dunfermline are acutely sensitive to the fact that only poor finishing by Celtic prevented them being dismissed from the cup at home during the

Walker seems likely to resume in attack in place of Dziekanowski in the Celtic team. McNeill said yesterday: "I have had it in mind to make alterations in order to keep ever-body fresh and keep them involved, but I am now looking for our good attitude

Today's league programme of recent weeks to be offers Celtic and Aberdeen the sustained." At Tannadice, there is a

which, in circumstances that see Dundee five points adrift at the foot of the table, might suggest that the home side should not be over-burdened by problems in securing a

However, Dundee have taken four points from a possible six on offer in these municipal encounters already this season, and their recent form suggests a doggedness in pursuit of their fractional chance of avoiding relegation, although their cause today is not belped by injuries to Ferguson and Beedie.

For their part, United have named an 18-strong squad, which does not include O'Neill, who has influenza.

For a team in such a commanding situation at the top of the Premier Division, Rangers have been strangely unconvincing in recent weeks. If they should fail to beat Hibernian this afternoon, they will have gone a total of six matches without a victory. McCoist and Walters are, however, close to full fitness and if both play today, the champions will have a more familiar look.

The afternoon's card is made up by St Mirren and Heart of Midlothian, a pair of sides whose encounters have sometimes been rather abrasive in the past. Today, the teams meet at Tynecastle, where St Mirren will have to do without their versatile Icelandic attacker, Torfarson, who will be replaced by Stickroth, who is on loan from the West German Bundesliga ciub, Bayer Uerdingen.



a start. England's current big

match temperament came

through almost immediately.

Devon Malcolm straight at

short leg, giving England the

early wicket and confidence-

booster that began their most

recent assault on the West

Curiously enough, the lun-

chime score at Queen's Park

was 66 for five, identical to

that at Lord's on the first

morning of that Test in 1988.

Then it was Gus Logie who

helped repair the damage, and

West Indies survived to win

the match. Here, one would

have to back England to retain

control, with the proviso that

that temperament extends to

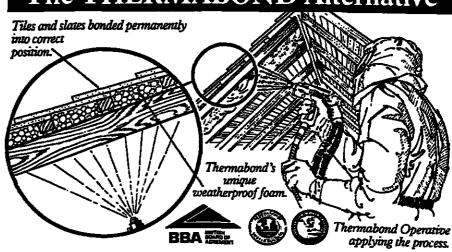
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## Senna rising to challenge after Phoenix

"I'm very calm," said Ayrton Senna, São Paulo's leading citizen. "Very, very calm."

That probably makes him unique among the 15 million and more people here. The endemic chaos of this enormous and hectic city has merely been emphasized -not created - by the drastic financial revolution in progress across the country.

"Brazilian football is like our inflation - 100 per cent," said a famous newspaper heading. Senna is in the same category. Meanwhile, as local Currency remains virtually unobtainable, and the less illustrious members of the Global Village of Formula One cram into hire cars like students setting a record (no one has the cash for a taxi), Senna crosses and re-crosses his home town by helicopter and broods about victory. Does he ever brood about anything else, I wonder?

There's no escaping the fact that his personality has domi-nated the preliminaries of the Brazilian Grand Prix. He is one of the most compelling characters in world sport, and effortlessly rises above the soap opera of Formula One everyday life. He is one of the most talented drivers in history, and he is - in his calm - desperate to lay that fact down in figures and records that will last for all time. He wants to beat all

Senna turned 30 this week

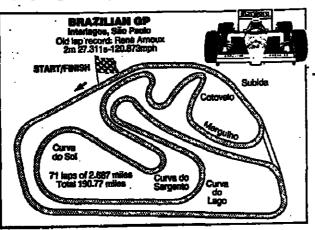
and still has but a single world championship to his name. A second that seemed there for the taking last year was taken from him by a series of bizarre Mansell, Alain Prost, who was then his team-mate, and FISA, the sport's governing body.

Perhaps Senna should, like a Millwall supporter sing: "No one likes us - We don't care." This is the national anthem of men like Senna and like Geoffrey Boycott, men whose dedication seems to many dangerously close to

Prost, whose 1989 season boasted the unusual double of year-long fit of the sulks with believes that Senna was the favouritism. Meanwhile, for Senna, who had trouble finishing races, this was all very

The season continued with Senna being involved in a crash with Mansell and finished with a ban on the Brazilian, consequently lifted after Senna had issued an apology to the governing body. It was, in short, one of the oddest years of Senna's life, and must have made him quite relieved to reach the sanctuary of 30.

He began the new season with a stirring win in Phoenix records and most especially, a fortnight ago against, as it



research and development un-

til the brink, handing an initial

advantage to the others but

ensuring a long-term gain to

his own team.

Exactly where Dennis's

tongue was in relation to cheek as he tipped Ferrari I

cannot say, but he is a man

who prefers caution and

understatement to tub-

pits. "Everything is going to plan," be said. "At Phoenix I

had a near perfect race in the

circumstances." The circumstances including starting a

then having his car burst into flames. "Most unexpected,"

said a Ferrari spokesman. Mansell said the same thing,

"You don't really have

thing," he added, rather plain-

though it took longer.

were, the run of play. The Ferrari team, with Mansell the chance of striking an early blow at Senna, were expected to win. Neither finished the

"That victory was important, a real motivating force for me," he said, "I had not felt motivated until I sat in the car. But I feel very well right now, I face a great challenge." So saying, Senna slipped away as quietly as he had come, with a roar of rotor blades he was soaring skywards once again. His natural domain, no doubt.

He is the man to beat, but the manager of the McLaren team, Ron Dennis, was saying in his cautious way that the circuit and the circumstances favour Ferrari and the Anti-Senna Solidarity League of Mansell and Prost. Dennis's way is to extend close-season

After the fiddly street circuit

of Phoenix, we have returned to a purpose-built track. Raw power is back in fashion, but a series of complicated corners makes things difficult for a team to "set a car up". Increasing power involves a trade-off in manoeuvrability, and a completely unknown circuit will be a great leveller.

The Williams team is expected to provide the most serious opposition to the McLarens and the Ferraris. but the power of the Lotus gives them a chance for some fun as well. But Senna is the one everyone wants to beat: unlikeable, say some, but un-

Of all the many hard things said about him, perhaps the hardest came from Prost. Senna believes in God: Prost added that Senna believes he has God in the cockpit with him, believes he is immortal. Words meant to hurt.

thumping.

Mansell, by contrast, was fearfully bullish in the Ferrari Dennis, for all his outward mildness, turns quite furious when these words are recalled. "He believes in God sometimes finds strength and comlong way back on the grid and fort from the Bible. Is that something to criticize? It is an irresponsible thing to say about a responsible driver and a dedicated man. People who think Senna is a volatile character are completely much control over that sort of

wrong." thin What Senna lacks is a gift son.

tively. "Things have been for fellowship. Extreme talent modified now, we will be all alienates, but many people of ability can get away with it by adding charm, however spurious or superficial. The trouble with Senna is that there are absolutely no spurious or superficial sides to his nature. He has no easy charm, no small talk, no court of hang-

I remember Boycott being absolutely baffled when, in that revealing radio show with Anthony Clare, he was asked if he felt he had missed out on life by dedicating himself in his monk-like way to playing

"Naaaw!" he said. wanted to be the best batsman in the world, and I were the best batsman in the world. In what way could I have missed out?" That was the gist of the thing, anyhow: a total failure to understand the question.

There is a thread between these two men. Both are ferociously dedicated to their crafts, and through these, to the great achievements to which they can lead. Both leave a trail of chaos, hatred and resentment as they go, occasionally peering over their might have caused the disasters they can see behind them. And both men, at such a

sight, shrug their shoulders and move forward. The next race, the next innings, absorbs all their attention: most other things are unreal in compari-



Senna: sometimes finds strength and comfort from the Bible

## Sunningdale record victory by ruthless Reid and Dibnah

Dale Reid, of Scotland, and Sunningdale Foursomes yesterday when they overcame Tracey Craik and Peter Hughes by the record margin of 7 and 6 in the final.

Reid and Dibnah are among the best on the European circuit and only once in six rounds were they required to go to the 18th hole. They were three under par in the final when they shook hands on

for them because it might have been the other way around." Dibnah said. "We atered to win and we will be back to defend in 12 months. It's good fun, it's good preparation for the season ahead, it's good to play two excellent courses off the back tees and it's good to have our names on the board."

The quality of their golf was in keeping with the history of the tournament. Reid, the winner of 19 tournaments on the European tour, hit her tee shot to within three feet at the short 4th for a birdie which took the partnership two up. Thereafter it was not really a contest, Craik and Hughes failing to win a hole. Dibnah, who won the Brit-

ish Open in 1988, and Reid is one thing, but for two of us now face another confronta-playing together it seems a

Everybody has heard the old yarns about the Scotsman who buys his round, the Welshman

who sings out of tune, and the Australian who cannot stand the

taste of lager: ridiculous enough, all of them. But a Texan

particularly want to win? Now

yesterday, however, we met one. His name is Steve Bowman, and

he told everybody about the way

he views his career, his life and

everything, after producing a course record-equalling round

of 63 to set a formidable pace in

the second round with a total of 132, 12 under par. Bowman, aged 32, has not, in

terms of tangible success, actually achieved a great deal in 10

years as a professional. To be more precise, he has not won a

But the man who lives in

Tyler, Texas, slap bang in the heartland of the state that

spawned Ben Hogan and Lee

Trevino — neither of whom was

known for his indifference to the

taste of victory - does not go along with his distinguished

compatriots in their personal

more than winning," he said. "I

think it is more important to

have the respect of your peers,

and to count things that to some

people may not add up to much.
"In 1988, for example, I was
on the verge of missing the cut
in the US Open, then birdied
four out of the last five holes to

go into the third round in eighteenth place. Now that was a worthwhile achievement, and

one I won't forget."
Bowman, who has plied his

Bowman, who has put trade on the US Tour for a couple of years, as well as on the Asian circuit, since turning pro-

To me, other things matter

with prize money of more than £100,000, have been arranged by Japanese promoters in Australia, and Dibnah and Reid, along with several other European tour players, want to be released from the Hennessy Cup in Paris from May 10 to 13.

"It is not a matter of me going home," Dibnah said. 'I'm expected there and if I'm not then it could put in jeopardy three other tourents planned for Janu-"I don't feel any sympathy ary." Reidwas more forth-

release," Reid said. Reid enjoyed the luxury of receiving eight shots from the nard lost any chance of recovprofessional partnership of ering when they took three Kevin Stables and Alastair Webster. It was an advantage which they required for, despite winning 4 and 3, it proved both an examining and exhibitaring contest. "I don't think Greg Norman and Seve Ballesteros could have given them a better match,

Stables said. Stables was fully entitled to make such a comment; he and Webster were four under par when the match ended. Readsaid: "For one lady professional to receive four shots

Leader Bowman

out to win respect

tion. Two tournaments, each touch too generous to play off eight against the plus two of two male professionals. We should, perhaps, be restricted to a total of six."

Craik and Hughes completed a resounding triumph in the other semi-final, win-ning 5 and 4, although it appeared unlikely when they walked to the ninth tee only one hole ahead of Nige Blenkarne and Diane Barnard.

Hughes, however, holed from 15 feet to win that hole with a birdie and from 10 feet to halve the next. Craik whether or not we get a chipped to four feet for another win with a hindle at the In the morning, Dibnah and 11th and then went four up at the 12th. Blenkarne and Barputts at the 13th.

RESULTS: Semi-flaste: P Hughes and Miss T Cralk (Fritord Health) bt N Bienkarne (Parasione) and Miss D Ber-nard (Hagley) 5 and 4, Miss D Reid (Ladybank) and Alles G Dibnah (unatt) bt K Stables (Ranturly Castle) and A Webster (Montroles) 4 and 3. Finale Reid and Dibnah bt Hughes and Cralk 7 and 6.

Farrell for France Steve Farrell, winner of last Sunday's Grand Prix of Essex

classic which opened the domestic Star Trophy cycling series, will join reigning national road race champion David Cook in Britain's team for the five-day Tour du Loir et Cher in France, starting on April 18.

### Woosnam breezes through

From John Ballantine Orlando, Florida

air through the stubified cor-ridors of United States golf when each scored 68 in the first round of the \$900,000 (£550,000) Nestlé Invitational Tournament on Arnold Palmer's 7,114-yard Bay Hill course. Their fine cards left the Welshman and Spaniard four This was easily the best round

of his professional career. Starting at the 10th, he had five birdies to the turn, his only blemish being a bogey five at the 12th. He saved five more shots on the way in, his last being

Bowman's round was equalled by Mats Hallberg, of Sweden, who had nine birdies, including 10 threes, which put him on 10 under par, alongside Eduardo Romero, the Argentinian.
But they, like the first-round

leader, Russell Claydon, were still chasing the self-effacing Bowman, who was left to ponder the awful possibility of winning this tournament. If he does, he will have ruined his

LEADING EARLY SECOND-ROUND SCOWES (GB and ine unless stated): 132-3 BOWTER (U.S., 69, 63, 134-E ROMENO (AP), 68, 66; M Haliberg (Swe), 71, 63, 136: B Opic (Aus), 68, 67; D Filliams, 69, 67; P Senior (Aus), 157: I Genves (So), 67, 70; S Locatell (t), 70, 67; J Futledge (Cen), 72, 65; H Boxall, 68, 69; D Durham, 69, 66, 138: P Hurring, 66, 72; K Brown, 71, 68, 138: M Mouleand, 69, 71, 146: P Hedenstrom (Swe), 65, 75; C Williams, 68, 72; A Haro, 71, 69; L Hedenstrom (Swe), 65, 75; C Williams, 68, 72; B E Smith (US), 69, 71, 141: P Kent, 71, 70; W Stephenes, 69, 72; S Lune (Sp), 70, 71; P Parioti, 71, 71, 142: C Rese, 72; K Jones, 73, 67; V Singh (FB), 70, 77; R Segment, 75; G7; V Singh (FB), 70, 77; R Segment, 75; G7; V Singh (FB), 70, 72; R Segment, 75; G7; V Singh (FB), 70, 72; R Segment, 75; G7; V Singh (FB), 70, 72; R Segment, 75; G7; V Singh (FB), 70, 72; R Segment, 75; G7; V Singh (FB), 70, 72; R Segment, 73; G7; R Segment, 73; G7; V Singh (FB), 70, 71; P



strokes behind Tom Byrum, a Texan, who set a record 64 for the recently lengthened course. Byrum, the winner of the Kemper Open last year, holed a 95-yard pitch for an eagle three at the 543-yard 6th and had six other birdies. Larry Nelson was in second place on 67.

What was so refreshing was to see and hear the unprepossessing way in which the stocky Welshman, in only his second event of the season - he won the Mediterranean Open two weeks ago - played and talked casually about his great round. Dressed in rather natty blue

and purple, Woosuam, dwarfed by his partners, Hal Sutton and Dave Eichelberger, lit a few cigarettes between shots, joked with his caddie and any spectator willing to share a gag. and scored four birdies in a typically workmanlike round. He said: "Any time you get round a great course like this without a single bogey you feel happy." He added that he sometimes feels the need to take a break, like his two months off

he never touched a club. ne never touched a chilb.

LEADING FRIST-RICHND SCORES (US unless stated): 54: T Byrum. 67: L Nelson.

68: I Woosnam (GB), J Olazabai (Sp), A North, B Andrade. 88: C Strange, W Grady (Aus.), 70: P Azinger.71: T Wasson, T Kills.

74: G Norman (Aus.). Other Europeane.

71: B Langer (WG), 72: R Ratterty (Alt. 74: A Lyle (GB), N Faldo, (GB), 77: S Ballestaros (Sp), 78: H Clark (GB).



Driving on: Phil Eayres, of Oxford, keeps on course on a difficult afternoon at St Andrews Oxford struggle in the gale

move before they were addressed. In the morning, Eayres and Henderson took five putts on the fifth green, up and down the wind. They were on the way,

poor things, to a crushing defeat, by the end of which they must have felt they had found not only every bunker at Murifield, but most of those in East

Yet it was still a hard-fought

of 78 might very well have fed the Open Championship, had it started from the back tees, at Muirfield, yesterday, and that anything in the early 80s would have won the club medal.

In other words, the University Match, on its first appearance in Scotland, began in conditions which were cold, tiring and dreadfully difficult. But at least it was dry. After the five 36-hole foursomes, Cambridge lead by 3½ matches to 1½.

and congenial day's golf, which Oxford, in all sorts of trouble at There was a westerly gale one time, emerged from with hopes very much alive for one time, emerged from with Mowry leads

Lothian as well.

Kmimotomachi, Japan (AP) —
Larry Mowry (US) returned a
six-under-per 66 to take the
first-round lead in the 60 millian round lead in the 60 millian round lead in CSO CON Entire

Kmimotomachi, Japan (AP) —

a 69, and Bob Charles, of New
Zealand, a 70.

Frankie Minoza, of the Philippines went round in 66, four lion yen (about £250,000) Fuji Electric Grandslam Golf Championship. Chi San-hsu, of Tarwan, was one stroke back. The Americans, Don January, Dave Hill and Lee Trevino and Hideo Jibiki, of Japan, each had

under par and a four-stroke lead after the third round of the Indonesia Open championship. Minoza pocketed \$3,000 (about £1875) for the day's score, despite a bogey on the par-four

boomerangs; down it, putts today. As near as a toucher, they skated past the flag or started to did better still; in the top match did better still; in the top match which was seen as something of a Cambridge banker, Oxford were five up with six to play and finished by halving, Jenkins needing to hole a palpitating little thing on the last green even

> In the third match, Hisso and were never quite able to keep up with Williams and Peplow of Cambridge; in the last, Ritchie and Woolnough of Oxford never looked back after coming go into lunch one up. Woolnough's putting kept Ritchie going early on, and Ritchie's 10-foot putt at the 18th was the timeliest of blows.

> Whenever I came across the second match in the morning Packham was playing some horribly good shots, such as a two iron drilled to within a yard of the short 7th (played, even then, from a forwardish tee); but Oxford held on, and lost, in the end, only amid all manner of

## Success is the name of the game

From Patricia Davies, Phoenix, Arizona

Two Americans, known respectively - if not respectfully - as the Trash Queen and Big Vic, led the Turquoise Classic in Moon Valley after the first round, and the British contingent had some hard work to do if they were to make the cut

yesterday. Cindy Figg-Currier was known as the Trash Queen at the University of Texas because, it was said, she could get up and down out of a dustbin. She has yet to win in her seven years on tour, but took the lead with a 68, five under par. She needed only 23 putts.
Vicki Fergon, whose nick-name came from the days when she weighed rather more and hit

the ball miles into places where she could not find it, kept it in confirmed that there would be bounds with four birdies and an eight players a side, and that bounds with four birdies and an eagle, to equal Figg-Currier's Caroline Pierce and Pam

Wright were the best of the Britons, on 76, with Laura Davies and Stephanie Lowe on ble with her putting and took no advantage of hitting 16 greens in regulation.
The first women's Ryder Cup

topic of conversation, with Muriel Thomson, of Scotland, and Mickey Walker, of England, being the two names put for-ward as possible captains of the

European team. It was officially they would play over three days of fourballs, foursomes and singles, the same format as the men's competition.

The main non-golfing talking point was President George Bush's decision to give up eating broccoli after 60 years. Future surveys will probably show him losing length on his drives. IOSING ICINGTH ON HIS CUTYCS.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (US unless stated: 62 C Figg-Currier, V Fergon. 98: H Stacy, R Jones, D Ammaccapene, E Crosby, D White, B King, 78: S Redman, C Nakejima (Japon), L Huribut, P Bradley, K Albers, British and European scores: 73: M Figueras-Doot (Sc), 78: C Pierce, P Wright, 77: L Davies, S Love, L Naumann (See). 78: A

## No easy path for depleted Wigan

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

further step towards clinching the Stones Bitter championship at Central Park this afternoon, injuries and the determination of the champions, Widnes, may produce a result that leaves the

Wigan will be without their international players, Hanley and Platt, who were hurt in the match against France at Per-pignan last weekend. In addipignan have are question marks against several other players, including Edwards, who re-ceived a badly bruised jaw in the hard-earned win at Featherstone in midweek and who is struging to get fit.

Widnes, for their part, will be without Davies and McKenzie, but have two bonuses in the return after suspension of Currier and the escape from suspension of Koloto, who won his case before the disciplinary committee, with the help of video tape evidence, on his tackle against Street, the Leigh forward, last Sunday,

With Wigan anxious to clinch with wight anxious to chilen the championship, and Widnes equally desperate to secure a top-four place in the premiership play-offs; it should be a typically hard-fought game between two strong sides, with Wigan beginning to show signs of wear and tear after their busy and successful season.

ship and relegation issues still to be decided. St Helens are at home to Leigh, and while the home side, stimulated by their 44-21 victory over Wakefield Trinity less week are seeking. Trinity last week, are seeking a top-four place, Leigh need a win to pull further away from the threat of relegation.

Barrow, who have already conceded more than 1,000 points this season, should provide no obstacle in the path of Castleford, whose winning sequence has taken them from relegation candidates to an outside chance of making the top eight and figuring in the play-

will be at Odsal, where Bradford Northern and Warrington lock horns in a game which will see no quarter asked or given. These two sides met in a closely-contested Challenge Cup tie, which Warrington won, a few merely for revenge but also for a win which will keep alive their hopes of a high place in the top premiership.

 Widnes have paid a club record £100,000 to sign Les Holliday, the Halifax and for-mer Swinton loose forward. Holliday, who was not on the transfer list, will make his debut

ICE HOCKEY

### Players take rest after their reign over Spain

Kelland has been one of the outstanding successes in Cardiff this week, and has more than justified Alex Dampier's de-cision to include reclassified

players. Brian Mason, another Casupporters, has scored three goals in the first two games.

**REAL TENNIS** 

The stylish David Brazier should make full use of his home court advantage in the George Wimpey British ama-teur Real Tennis qualifying event at Petworth, which starts today (Sally Jones writes).

national squash player, is among the favourites to secure one of the two qualifying places, but should face stiff compenition

eye World

Ramsden, of Lakeland, who topped the British rankings last year, are out to attract the attention of the World Cup selectors in the British championships at Sheffield

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Supporting them on defence, alongside Mason, has been Ste-

phen Cooper, who must be the best young British defenceman

Martin McKay, making his

first senior international appearance, in goal against Spain, at least had more to do than either

leff Smith or David Graham against Australia on Wednes-day, and this gave him the opportunity to show that he is in

The only problem, with two

games to go, is to maintain motivation, which is obviously

difficult when facing opposition

The prospect of playing in pool C next year should be

younger players particularly and we must hope that some of the

of a much lower standard.

in the game today.

200d form.

Following the 13-1 win over together for the third period of

Spain in pool D of the world championships in Cardiff on Thursday, Great Britain's playstill have an understanding terday, although there was an optional practice.

Most of the few players who might well have had more.

Most of the few players who did show up for the morning work-out were the more experienced members of the squad. Chris Kelland, the British captain, suggested that this was because: "The younger guys can afford to take a day off, but the older guys need to have the work out."

adian-born member of the squad, has also been a tower of strength, and John Lawless, thriving in front of his home But Dampier's smartest move was to reunite the former Durmistakes that were made in Belgium last year are not

ham Wasps "kid" line of Ian Cooper and Stephen and An-These three were brought repeated.

Brazier likely | Leading pair to make home advantage tell

from Alastair Maxwell, Philip Wilkinson and Barry Clive, who all play off a handicap of 16.
Both qualifiers will have a tough draw when the champ-ionship proper begins next Sat-urday. One is scheduled to meet the promising Australian, Chris Sievers; the other plays Andrew Page.

ORIENTEERING

**Cup selection** Steve Hale, of Perth, and Jane

To ensure an undisturbed nesting season for moorland birds, the championships have again been moved to the start of the season, detracting from their Hale, seeking a third

successive British title, will move to Sweden after the Easter JK festival to try to improve his skills and will miss the other selection races. Ramsden will compete over Easter in the Large by 1 

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## Zenith of Chelsea's ambition is victory and not vengeance

Nicholas and Bumstead, who

reasonably have given up any

hope of returning to Wembley. Yet, modestly, Campbell declined to mention that it would be his own first appearance at the national stadium

It will also be Middles-

brough's first visit. Remem-

bering, perhaps, how Reading emphatically upset the apple

cart against Luton Town two

years ago in the Simod Cup, the competition's forerunner which Chelsea once won, Campbell had no intention of underestimating Middlesbr-ough, despite his own team's recent good form. Though

fifth from bottom in the second division - Chelsea are fourth from top of the first -

Middlesbrough accounted for

Aston Villa home and away in an earlier round, and Colin

Todd, who succeeded Bruce Rioch as the manager just two weeks ago, reported yesterday

from their headquarters in

Devon that the team were in

The pace of Ripley down the right wing should pose an

interesting test for Chelsea, and Dorigo, at left back, in

particular. His colleagues in central defence will also have

to cope with the prolific Slaven and the enigmatic

The absence, however, of Mowbray, the centre half with

whom Rioch once said he

would happily fly to the moon, and Baird and Phillips,

who are Cup-tied, suggests that Middlesbrough may not

Heysel. It is thought that UEFA will reduce the punishment,

Davenport.

Bobby Campbell, the Chelsea Wembley teams Bobby Campbell, the Cheisea manager, refutes that victory over Middlesbrough in the Zenith Data Cup final at Wembley tomorrow will be any sweeter for what the north-eastern club did to Cheisea. State of the season of the seaso when personally relegating them to the second division 85,000 spectators. amid disgraceful crowd scenes amid disgraceful crowd scenes With live coverage by Sky at Stamford Bridge in the playtelevision, the final of this off final. Some of the Chelsea maligned competition should players, however, may have not want for exposure. Ironi-

longer memories.

There are seven survivors in the Chelsea squad from that day, some of whom, like Dixon and Dorigo, may feel their international aspirations, as well as their domestic. tions, as well as their domestic the Chelsea chairman, was ones, were done serious harm partly responsible — when a by that unscheduled reverse. member of the League man-Dorigo has gone some way to agement committee - for the putting his international car- competition's inception, eer back into forward gear, Campbell was not about to and Dixon has not given up play down its importance, or hope of making England's its right to be staged at World Cup squad, too. Wembley, bley is not a bad place to state

Wembley.

"We fought very hard to get your case, particularly on the there, and Middlesbrough day it goes all-seater for the have fought even harder," he first time in its 67-year his-said. Campbell was particutory, with a full house of larly delighted for players like

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significantly more lucrative. A deal, worth £4.5 million over Zurich - On the eve of the final of the Zenith Data Systems Cup final between Chelsea and final between Chelsea and three years, was recently signed Middlesbrough at Wembley, it has been revealed that the for the final are expected to competition is to remain generate as much as £1 million.
Yet the nation's premier clubs
believe there are three disadvantages. Unless they reach
the final, they can lose money, comparatively small in stature (Stuart Jones writes). None of the principle five clubs is to

enter the draw next season. Arsenal, Everton, Liverpool, Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur have not been tempted to compete in a tournament which has become

Thompson

called in

by Palace

By Louise Taylor

League's more talkative man-

United, appears finally

Crystal Palace v A Villa

Thompson, signed from Wastord this week, replaces Wright

attack, Enget (catf) faces a late filmes test, and Pemberton replaces Hedman in defence. Villa

McDonough is a likely substitute for Luton, who introduce

are expected to be unchanged, but could name Calleghan as a

(broken leg) in the Palace

Luton v Millwall

Allpress and Hughes to the squad. Allen and McCarthy. Milwell's transfer deadline

signings, make their cebuts.

Diomotion and reletation.

ago but, theoretically, there is still the question of which club

land to division two nest scason

to be resolved. Selkirk, by defeating Starling

division place

First division

## ties can add to fixture conges-tion and they would prefer to concentrate on qualifying for European competitions should the ban be lifted by UEFA. Hope rising for a return to Europe

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Zurich As Chris Waddle attempts to behaviour of their supporters at

become the first Englishman to Spring was in the air two years appear in the European Cap final for five years, Football Association officials are growing ago when Aston Villa travelled to Crystal Palace for an encounter with the potential to settle the destiny of the second division championship. more optimistic that domestic clubs will next season be able to re-enter the three continental competitions. The ban was im-posed after the Hysel disaster in In the event Villa won at Selhurst, but had to be content with second position in the

table, while Palace were left to want another year for a first provided English supporters are This time Villa are chasing nces during the World Cup finals this summer, it is likely to the League championship, and Palace need to assauge relega-tion anxieties. With Wright be lifted. Bert Millichip, the chairman of the FA, believes breaking his leg in midweek, Thompson has been recruited Government has indicated that it will back the plan.

"Cohn Moynihan [the Min-ister for Sport] has promised While Graham Taylor, the Villa manager, is one of the that, as long as there is no trouble in Italy, the Governage's, Alex Ferguson, his counterpart at Manchester ment will give its support for the re-admission next season of the champions, as long as it is not to have lost the power of speech, the FA Cup winners."

yesterday announcing that he would be holding no press conferences for the "forseeable Liverpool were banned provisionally for an additional three years because of the

Derby v Arsenal

With Gee and Patterson (both

sound, Luide, who refused to move to Queen's Park Rangers on

ankie) missing, and Blades (leg) doubtful, Derby call Davidson, Hayward and Round into the

Thursday, continues in goal for Arsenal who are without Rocastle

Sheff Utd v Barnsley

Fleming and O'Connell, Barnsley's new signings, make their debuts.

**RUGBY UNION** 

West of Scotland are

looking for company

By Alan Lorimer

Although the McEwan's Nat- Scotland's grand slam try scorer,

ional League programme should Tony Stanger, who is resting a have been completed by now, shoulder injury, and also postponed matches have meant Stanger's younger brother, there are still several matters to be resolved in the areas of land Under-18 against Scottish

The first division champ- • Craig Redpath, who is a ionship was decided two weeks member of Scotland's touring

Setkirk, hy defeating Starling
Setkirk, hy defeating Starling
County at Philiphaugh, virtually
made certain of their position in
division one but, even so, could
still go down it they lose heavily
in Hawick today, and if Ayr can
beat West of Scotland next week
by a erickert score.

If Selkirk win today, then
there will be no need for the
West versus Ayr game to be
played. Hawick are without

Muttayfield next Wednesday.

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(Hamosof), G Ware (London), S

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Mackey (Changow Academicals), A Gentle of the
played. Hawick are without

SNOW REPORTS

Hill, Stanciffe, Sames and Agana are all doubtful for United.

party to New Zealand this

summer, has been selected for the Scotland Under-21 side to

meet Scottish Students Murrayfield next Wednesday.

perhaps to one season, once invitations have been offered to other English clubs. "I'm optimistic because, for the first time, we are getting the one concerned at home and also maximum security during UEFA has already stated that, the World Cup.
provided English supporters are not involved in violent distur
Millichip, who is bere to attend a World Cup seminar,

led: "This time I don't sense the complacency which has been apparent during some previous tournaments. I think that, with the help of the Italians, the security operation will be the best we've ever mounted."

Waddle's chances of reaching the European Cup final were improved by yesterday's draw. His club, Marscilles, were kept apart from the holders, AC

SEME-FINAL DRAWS: Furness Con Semi-Hind. Universit European Capt.
Marseilles v Berries; AC Milan v Bayern
Munich. Cup Winners' Cupt. Moneco v
Samptiorie; Andersecht v Dyname Sercharest. UPFA Cupt. Juvenius v Cologne;
Worder Brennen v Florentina. (First legs.)

Second division Blackburn v Newcastle Kennedy (groin) and Gayle (calf) tace late fitness tests for

> Tomorrow Zenith Data Systems

BADMINTON

EUROPEAN CHAMPICHS CUP Blue; Com-tor-linet group, 15th marter: Philips Miles 105, Marcabit Tel Anti-101; Arts Selonits 78, Yopopissika Spit 80, NATIONAL ABSICATION MILA: Delies Mayenicis 118, Oremon Marco 108, Nousson Rochata 115, Detroit Passes 110; Seri Antonio Sours 107, Portend Tata Steams 105, Santine Supersonicis 125, Denier Mag-celle 118.

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FOOTBALL

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**GOLF** 

Brazil find familiar success

in a novel balancing act

By Clive White

players, can push forward with greater freedom and confidence

while the sweeper and two

markers protect the fort. As throughout the team, Brazil are

Mozer and Galvao vie for the

sweeper role, while in the centre of defence, Aldair could be

Ricardo or Ricardo Roscha The

who beat Jennings in the Mex-

Josimar, who has the running

style of a trotting borse, has been

told that if he steps out of line

once more in his private life he

has little or no chance of playing

in the World Cup finals.

Mazinho set the pace off the field, if not on it too, by

cancelling all his social engage-

ments a year ago.

Brazil were given their first clue that they had uncovered a

goalkeeper of rare talent in Taffarel five years ago in the World Youth Cup which they

won in Moscow. Born of Italian

extraction, the fair-skinned

area in the extrovert manner of

Grobbelaar with similar good

handling and sets up attacks

with speedy, accurate distribu-

The midfield lacks the pres-

ence of someone as command-

ing and ingenious as Zico, but

goes some way to making up for

its shortcomings with the pro-digious effort of Silas and

spoilt for choice in defence.

For 20 years, Brazilian football sweeper system before. They are has been epitomized by not so ideally suited to it. Their full backs, traditionally attacking

Gone are those carefree days partnered by either Richard

for the opposition to score four full back pairing also provides

goals, just so long as they scored choice; either Jorginho and five. Scarcity of genius, better Branco or Josimar or Mazinho.

organized opposition and the All except Josimar, the man

itself as the world's foremost ico World Cup with a shot from

football nation, has prompted an outrageous distance and Brazil to adopt a more disci- angle, have been included in an

style while remaining 18-man squad which arrives in

Landon tonight

banana skin on which they have repeatedly slipped as inherent

taken inherent attacking

strength. Now there are signs that the boys from Brazil are back on their feet and proclaim-

en Brazil were quite happy

signate desire to re-establish

faithful to the memory of enter-

tainers like Pele, Tostao and

Rivelino. England will discover

when they play Brazil at Wembley next Wednesday just how

well the Brazilians have man-

aged to achieve this difficult

In going 14 games without

e games they have provided

defeat, they have conceded just two goals, while in winning 10 of

proof of their commitment to

positive football. Away victories

against The Netherlands and

Italy are reason enough that they

should be installed as the book-

makers' favourites to win the

There are two main reasons

ing a new philosophy.

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ICE HOCKEY ATIONAL LEAGUE DNALY: Bosson Bruns

REAL TENNIS TROOM: Scottish Open Championships: First round (Brash orises, stated). L Deuther (Aust) by J tryscos. 6-2, 6-3, P Tabley (Aust) bt A Deves. 6-0, 6-1: C Ronaldson bt C Sevens (Aust, 5-0, 6-1: A Howest, 6-2, 6-4, J-5 has Proyecraft (Aust) bt J Howell, 6-2, 6-4, J-5 has et P Willis, 6-2, 6-3, None of P Willis, 6-2, 6-4, None of P Willis,

**RUGBY FIVES** 

CILIE MATCHES: Joseph VIII by Winchester Compe VIII, 223-225; Weganer Clubs VI bt Southernorm University VI, 168-128; Winchester Ab b Southernorm Horses Ab b Southernorm Horses VI VIII-28; Winchester bt Pagning, 110-86; Wessex Club VII by Winchester Compe VI 216-190; Wessex Club VIII by Burgatta, 316-254.

SPEEDWAY ALLENGE MATCHER ISSNER 64, Poole Magnetorings 54, Long Eston 42. **YACHTING** 

### Smith goes his own way and snatches lead for Rothmans

Rothmans, the Rob Hum-then reversed, with Steinlager phreys-designed yacht which (and those yachts near her) back now represents Britain's only in the breeze and Rothmans real hope of a high place in the maxi division of the Whitbread Round the World Race, yes-terday took over the lead on the would be wary about giving fifth leg, from Punta del Este to able to hold that lead is another competitors who might also be insterning — reported salling in

further eastwards, away from the South American coast and

The inference to be drawn is that during the night Rothmans had breeze while Steinlager did not, but that the situation had

matter.

Lawrie Smith has detached squally conditions with periods Rothmans from the main body of heavy rain: just the unsettled of the maxi fleet and is sailing weather that cannot be trusted his own race, almost 200 miles to give a good breeze which to give a good breeze which

lasts. L'Esprit de Liberte (Patrick

further eastwards, away from the South American coast and thus in a completely different Taberly, France) has regained thus in a completely different Taberly, France) has regained the lead in the small boat that took him to the front yesterday could just as easily work the other way, and leave him languishing once again.

At yesterday's 10.00 GMT Argos satelitte pass, Rothmans was picked up in a position 20 miles nearer the Fort Lauderdale finish than the position of Steinlager 2, until now the leg, as well as the race, leader. But Rothmans, which in the previous 24 hours had covered 227 miles at an average speed of 9.4 knots, was sailing at only 4.2 knots yesterday morning.

During the same 24 hours, Steinlager covered 149 miles, an average of 6.2 knots, but by the time the satelitte "looked" was back up to 9.2 knots.

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#### HOCKEY

### Army do far Fitness of more than Jennings is necessary in question

By Sydney Friskin Royal Air Force .... The Army earned the right to meet Somerset in the prelimi-nary round of the county championship after recovering the Services trile from the Royal

Air Force at Reading yesterday.

While offering the Army ment during the week for a hip stiffer opposition than the Navy injury, will not have a full game today but his reaction to playing the considered before Old sibility of needing at least a two-goal margin of victory to retain

from short corners. The Army, who generally drew 1-1 dictated the course of play, had a Havant visit Reading for the minutes before the interval corners in four matches. when Haddock made a present

must choose between Careca, promptly hit it out of play. Bebeto, Muller and a possible surprise contender, Renato, who s been receiving rave reviews in recent months for his perforpressure by the RAF forwards, achieve, but the short corners continued In an Careca's talent is much too vast to be wasted sitting on anyone's substitutes' bench. including Brazil's, but none of the partnerships he has figured in has equalled the special understanding experienced by Romario and Bebeto last year

for Bennett to scoop the ball into Kerly in the front line. the net. It was the Army's sixth triumph since 1979.

Umpires: Maj C Kemp (Army), Sgr J Panel and an exciting tussle is in (RAF).

## By Sydney Friskin The fitness of Ian Jennings, of

Old Loughtonians, to play in the Nationwide Anglia Cup semifinal at home to Stourport tomorrow, will be tested today in the Poundstretcher National League match against Welton, at York.

Loughtonians choose their team

goal margin of victory to retain their title. The Army needed only a draw, but were not content to leave it at that.

Some other fitness problems with Ashton and Donnelly That the Army were kept reporting for midweek training waiting until the 62nd minute but they have no illusions about for their first goal was due in their task against a strong large measure to the resistance Stourport side, who beat Hounsof the RAF's Scottish interlow, the winners last year, and national goalkeeper, Seaton, who made several smart saves earlier in the season Old Loughtonians and Stourport

minute when Smith worked his earlier in the day at Sonning way through. The RAF had Lane, where a central figure i short spells of ascendancy in the likely to be Robert Hill, the first half, but lost their best Havant wing half, who has chance of taking the lead two scored nine goals from short

when Haddock made a present Reading, without a win in 13 of the ball to Haleem who league games and threatened There was also a phase of play with relegation, are a fighting cup side and with the home midway through the second half atmosphere in their favour there when the Army were held under is no saying what they might

In an important weekend in to pour in at the other end and the National League the cham-the ninth of these awards was pions Southgate play Hounslow converted by Hazlitt off today at Fetham, and Slough tomorrow at Uxbridge. South-The last semblance of the gate are without Duthie and RAF resistance was broken in Spray who are unfit and the 69th minute when Jolly Batchelor, who is unavailable raced away on the right from a Shaw has recovered from a pass by Wild and set up a chance shoulder injury and will assist

Hounslow, at full strength, triumph since 1979.

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Robert Thompson, of Houns-low, has shot to the top of the Kimber, FO N Powell, SAC I Wood (sub: SAC S Wellmans), Squ/Lor S Botom, FUL! P Morris. have a four-point advantage

the second division champions

Mark Goult, the boxer, who

underwent emergency brain sur-gery soon after winning the Southern Area bantamweight

title at Norwich on Tuesday, has been transferred to the specialist

neurological unit of Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge His condition was yesterday described as "still

#### Swimming Goult moved for free

More than half a million people are expected to take part in the Swimfit '90 National Free Swimming day today. The event is to take place at 500 local authority pools throughout Organized by the Amatem

Swimming Association and local councils, the free day will use a range of facilities, includ-

Tough going

The British Cyclo-Cross Association is to stage its first national championships for all-terrain championships for all-terrain bikes at Basingstoke on May 20. It follows increased participa-tion by mountain bike riders in traditional cyclo-cross events.

Cowdrey post Colin Cowdrey, the former England cricket captain, has been appointed president of the

Association of Cricket Umpires. He succeeds Gubby Allen, who died in November

Getting in gear Professional cyclists in Britain have 36 days of road racing on the home calendar this year. In addition, there will be limited places for them in international events such as the Milk Race and Kellogg's Tour of Britain.

Lake break

About 120 of Britain's leading professional and amateur cy-clists will be taking part in the 25-mile Windermere Porthole grand prix cycle trial in the Lake District tomorrow. Among those competing over the anticlockwise course around the lake will be last year's winner, Paul Curran, the 1989 world professional pursuit champion.

ROUND 2 **BRAZIL GP** 

with preview, practice and race reports

**AUTOSPORT** Grand **Prix Line** 

for Brazil's greater defensive security: one is the introduction by Sebastiao Lazaroni, the manager, of a highly efficient sweeper system, the other is Claudio Taffarel, possibly the finest goalkeeper his country has

World Cup.

Baird (both cup-tied) and Moworay (pelvis).

Cup Final Chelsea v Middlesbrough Middlesbrough, who defer selection, are without Phillips and

Blackburn, Askew, a £150,000 signing from Hull on Thursday, makes his debut in the

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pairs featuring indoor inter-national lan Campbell and

Players must brave storms

Players from the Isles of Barra to join the Isle of Skye in Scotland's first island basketball championship in Portree today (a Special Correspondent writes). The event's organizer, Bill Edgar, the head of physical education at Portree High School, has also invited teams from Brechin and Blairgowne to ioin the tournament.

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#### sought by Lanarkshire Lanarkshire, who last week bridged a six-year gap since their last significant success when they won the Senior Fours

vital is the contribution of Valdo, one of five Benfica

players boping to make the squad, while the subtle support of Alemao has not gone unappreciated by Maradona and Careca, his Brazilian team-

mate, particularly when winning the UEFA Cup last season. Attack holds the team's rich-

est resources, yet it remains to be seen whether Lazaroni knows

best how to tap it. The broken leg sustained by Romario, the PSV Eindhoven forward, may

have simplified the manager's

task without necessarily

improving Brazil's chances of

Romario may recover in time, but meanwhile Lazaroni

mances in the Flamengo side.

when Brazil were winning the

for the first time in 40 years. If

around in Italy this summer it is the attack rather than the de-

fence which may slip up on

BRAZEL SQUAD (to play England on Wednesday): Gostkeepens: C Taffamel (Nacional), Acacia (Vasco da Game). Defenders: Aktzair (Benfica), Branco

Defenders: Aldzair (Berifica), Branco (Benfica), Jospinho (Bayer Levertusen), Mazinho (Vasco de Garna), Mozer (Marselles), Galveo (Botafogo), Richard Riccardo (Berifica), Ricardo Roche (Saó Paulo), Midfield: Durga (Florerina), Alemeo (Napoli), Sian (Sporting Lisbon), Valdo (Berifica), Forwards: Blasmarck (Vasco da Garna), Careca (Napoli), Muller (Torno).

**BOWLS** 

More success

there are any banana skins lying

Scottish League, attempt to build on that win today when they line up at East Lothian in the final of the Lodge Sports Scottish Team championship. Providing the opposition are Turriff and it is a first Lodge final for both sides.

The singles brings togethe Alistair Campbell against Alan Clark, of Lanarkshire, with the

Wendy Grant, who meet Mary and George Morrison, the Turriff husband-and-wife pair. In the triples Nancy Smith, James Cassidy and John Girtwood for Lanarkshire meet Isobel Gordon, David Anderson BASKETBALL

The teams from Castlebay Community school, Barra, face

the most arduous journey, travelling overnight by ferry to 0898 654313

from INTERLAGOS

## Former champion saddened by lack of British incentive

From David Powell, Athletics Correspondent, Aix-les-Bains

athlete to win the men's world course overnight. cross country title, 15 years ago, was at Cosford last weekend in a Great Britain tracksuit. He had not come out of retirement for the international indoor match that is no excuse for having a there, but was assisting in team as weak as the one here. gement Pity,

still been on his phenomenally coming through. Worse than high mileage - 150 a week at that, we don't seem to be times - there is just a chance doing anything about it at that he could have made the national coaching level or any British squad here for today's other level." race. That is not as absurd as it sounds. Carlos Lopes was top secured him the world cross class until almost into his forties and British cross country, once the world's most reliable brand - 46 England team wins in 67 years on the label but off the shelf since 1981 - has become as flat as the courses over which the present-day championships

There is not the remotest chance of a British man winning here. Richard Nerurkar, the English champion, is talking about "top 15", which means nearer fifteenth than first, and Adrian Passey, the British trial winner, of "top 20". The prospect of the team closing in their six scorers before fiftieth place seemed as likely yesterday as a Bedford never used to be discuss it."

Had Tim Hutchings, Gary

Staines and Earnonn Martin not withdrawn, Britain might have won medals, as they did last year, but, as Stewart said, There is no depth and there Had Stewart, even at 41, doesn't appear to be any

> Stewart, whose brilliance country and European indoor 3.000-metre titles in the same winter, is offering to help. A decade away from the sport, he is ready to give service again. "I am prepared to play a part because I feel so strongly about the slump in British 5.000 and 10.000-metre running and these are the events

that our cross country numers

come from. "We assume we have got these fabulous middle distance runners stemming from our harrier tradition, but system or structure for them. We are burying our heads in the sand. The likes of myself, Brendan Foster and Dave

Ian Stewart, the last British serious hill appearing on the content with sixth, seventh or eighth, but that seems to be all

> "Because our sprinters have been successful, every kid wants to be a sprinter and rightfully so. In the old days they wanted to be middle distance runners. The sprint coaches appear to know what they're doing, but I look at the middle distance coaches and I am not so sure."

> likes of Foster, Bedford and Steve Ovett should have been persuaded by the sport to help bring on talent. "Is Ovett going to be allowed to walk off? He must have a lot to offer. If this was an Eastern bloc country, they would not have been allowed to wander

lesson that the best of the English athletes here. Nemrkar, is coached by Bruce Tulloh, like Stewart a former European 5,000-metre champion. "I feel that I and a few others could be of far more help because we have been in there at the sharp end," Stewthat's rubbish. There is no art said. "I know it would not go down too well with some coaches, but their ought to be some sort of halfway house. We've all got to sit down and

#### Ominous words from Ngugi From David Powell

John Ngugi today attempts to do for cross country what Bjorn Borg did for Wimbledon 10 years ago: win a record fifth consecutive title in arguably the most competitive area of his

As Borg could, Ngugi can adapt to almost any surface. In 1988 it was an all-weather track and Olympic gold in the 5,000 glutinous mud of Stavanger. today it is the Hippodrome race course, with grass so green and surface so flat that Borg could bring his racket. Ngugi said yesterday that he

was tired and not too confident of winning. But, ominously perhaps, he added: "I prefer this type of course." Last year, on a course not to his liking, he won seconds. The athletes nearest to him then, Tim Hutchings, Wilfred Kirochi and Steve Moneghetti, are missing this time, so it will be up to his pians and, as the probable best of the rest, Salvatore Antibo, of Italy, and the Castro twins, from Portugal, to give Ngugi a race. Tafa Tesfaye, fifth last year,

and Abebe Mekonnen. three

times in the top five in the last four years, line up for Ethiopia; Paul Kipkoech, the world 10,000-metre champion and three times second in this championship, and Julius Korir, the former Olympic steeplechase champion, are in the Kenyan squad.

Ngugi may have lost the Commonwealth 5,000 metres last month, in the most dra-matic of finishes, but he has big plans to compensate. After to-day he will get to work on training for his first self-announced attempt at a world record. "I want to break the world 10,000 metres record," he

Andrew Lloyd, the Australian who caught Ngugi on the line in Auckland, is not here. He is too busy making speeches. As a result, he is apparently doing rather better financially than his national governing body. It has sent a team of only seven because it cannot afford the full nine: and each of those has had to find half of his fare. According to one team member. Lloyd speech to have paid for a ticket. Standing next to Namibia, Australia look over-staffed. Gabriel Awaseb is a team of one Like Lloyd, he is enjoying the recognition. Only four days after his country achieved independence, he is here as Namibia's first international sportsmar "People are falling over them-selves to sponsor him," Attie Mara, his manager, said.

Annette Sergent will be attempting to give the home supporters something to cheer with her third victory in four years. The absence of three Britons — Liz McColgan, Jill Hunter and Yvonne Murray nhances her prospects.

The hardest challenge may

come from Angela Chalmers, who looked outstanding in Auckland as Canada's double and 3.000 metres. British hopes has been in the sport for only 10 months, although Andrea Whitcombe stands the best chance of achieving Britain's highest placing, in the junior

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OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Argenal v Portsmouth; Watford v Reading.

RUGBY.LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Wigen v Widnes (2.45). Second division; Huddersfield v Oldhem (3.0).

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CARLSBERG LEAGUE: (7.0); Manchester
v London.

ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Australia. Britzin (Pool D, Cardiff, 8.30).

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Wycombe v Chorley.....

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Young lady in a hurry to win a title

#### Seles's biggest threat is herself Fioridal, I need to take some

Tennis Correspondent Key Biscayne, Florida

biggest title of her short but spectacular career today when spectacular career today when she plays the Austrian, Judith Wiesner, here in the final of the

If she does so, one or two critics, who were starting to raise their voices after Seles's poor start to the year, will be silenced and Seles herself will be enormously reassured. For a moment, it seemed that the form which had taken her to No. 7 in the world by the end of last year had mysteriously disappeared somewhere between 1989 and

has not been playing well this year, not even playing particu-larly well this week, yet she has not lost a set in reaching the final. The biggest threat to her chances here have had nothing to do with tennis at all. As she was setting out for her

On her own admission Seles

third-round match against Ros Fairbank, the Seles family dog, a Yorkshire terrier, decided to take himself for a walk. By the time the dog had been found eating cat food a few houses up the way and then recaptured, time was getting on and only a late dash for the stadium pre-vented an embarrassing default.

problem with Seles at the mo-ment; not that she is constantly hing for her dog down the road, but that she is playing as if permanently late for the next appointment. Watching Seles is like watching someone caught in a revolving door. Forehands and backhands fly at random all over the court; maccuracy only makes the door go round faster.
"Sometimes she is in danger of catching up with her own shots," Nick Bollettieri, her

there is no chance of a reduction in pace either. Syllables pour from the Yugoslav's mouth in a delightful torrent. She can't even wait for the end of the question. "Yes, yes, I've had a little problem with my arm. I injured it at the end of last year and I think I came back a little too early this year. I mean I shouldn't really lose to Fairbank [as she did in Chicago] or to Gildemeister [as she did in

"Yes, yes, I'm still studying. I'm in eleventh grade, but it is hard to come back and get your books out after you've just played a match, but I try. "Yes, yes, I can't wait to get back to Wimbledon. That was

time off to practise.

so strange, but I didn't do badly until Steffi. Yes, yes . . ." And Even at the start of the supposedly dangerous second year on the professional circuit, cies, at the age of 16, shows no

time, win, lose or draw. She has already fallen in with Jennifer Capriati ("she's a little younger than me, but I'm 13 at heart") and the friendship could be important to both as their careers progress, not least because, on a form line through Nathalie Tanziat, there is not much to choose between them on the court. Two weeks ago in Florida, Capriati beat the

French girl 6-4, 6-2; in the semi-

sign that life is not a ball all the

### Krishnan out of team

Delhi (AFP) — Ramesh Ramesh was to have led the Krishnan, the leading Indian player, has dropped out of the forthcoming Davis Cup tie deather Paes, the runner-up in the Australian junior open in against Japan, seriously reduction Melbourne last March, ing India's chances of Melbourne last March, India's Chances of Melbourne last March, Paes.

should have too much power for the gentle Austrian, who is in a major final for the first time. major imai for the first time. Wiesner, ranked 28, has played very solidly all week, following up her win over Manuela Maleeva, the No. 4 seed, by disposing of the No. 5, Conchita Martinez of Spain 4.2 4 in Martinez, of Spain, 6-2, 6-1 in the semi-final.

Not even the support of the local Hispanic community could inspire Martinez to produce a flicker of the form she showed in beating Gabriela Sabatini, the top seed. "It seemed she didn't really try too hard." Wiesner said. hard." Wiesner said.

Wiesner is setting an Austrian tradition by reaching the final of the Lipton, although she will hope for a different ending. Last year, her countryman, Thomas Muster, had to withdraw from his final against Ivan Lendl after being hit by a car. "I'll just have to be careful with the car tonight," she said.

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BOXING

McCrory's world left in ruins by one punch

By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent

The world of Glenn McCrory fell apart at Gateshead on Thursday night. Just one blow from Jeff Lampkin, a left under the ribs, dropped him for the count of 10, deprived the Englishman of his International Federation Federation Boxing cruiserweight title and left his career almost in ruins.

It was one of the most lethal punches I have seen. The American's blow curled up-wards and tried to penetrate behind the rib-cage like a spear. McCrory screwed up his face in agony and dropped to his knees. Though fully conscious, he was unable to continue and was

After the bout, McCrory was taken to hospital, where it was found that his liver was severely swollen. His manager, Beau Williford, said yesterday: Glenn is back home now and although he is very disappointed about losing his title, his chin is up — he is a man. Whatever decision he comes to, I will support him and he has no need to rush that decision."

McCrory may never recover from the trauma; be may never box again. Unlike most boxers below cruiserweight, who can move up or down to escape a tough division, McCroty has nowhere to go. He cannot stay a cruiserweight, because he can-not make the 13st 8lb weight limit, and if he moves up, he will come up against the 16 to 17

Lampkin warned: "I wouldn't guys are too big and hit too hard, if he stays as a cruiserweight, I'll come here and defend here."
But Williford said: "I don't think he can come back as a cruiserweight. It is just too draining for him, not that that is any kind of excuse for the defeat. He was just hit by a terrific shot." Even Cedric Kushner, the

South African-American, who has been a joint promoter of McCrory's championship bouts. seemed to say that McCrory should try something else. "I think people have been very impressed with him as a television commentator," Kushner

Much depends on how McCrory feels after a rest. Three years ago, when he was down and nearly out after campaign-ing as a heavyweight, he almost gave up. He came back to win the cruiserweight title. He might feel he is still young enough and big enough to return to a beavyweight career. He could well decide that he is

good enough to beat Derek Williams, of Battersea, the Commonwealth heavyweight champion, or Jean Chanet, of title and a top 10 heavyweight ranking. If Chanet, who has not got half of his ability, can take on George Foreman and retire financially secure, can McCrory be blamed if he thinks there is

**FOOTBALL** Barclays League First division Coventry v Charitor C Palace v A Villa... Derby Co v Arsenal

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Bromley; Padbridge Forest v Barking;
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Harlow v Lewes: Hitchin v Worthing;
Leatherhead v Tooting and Mitcham;
Southwick v Dorking; Walton and
Hersham v Chesham; Wembley v Met
Police; Whyteleafe v Upbridge, Second Hershani v Cheshani; Wambley v Met Police; Whytelerie v Libridge. Second division north: Barton Rovers v Aveley; Bestidon v Wara; Berthamstad v Tring; Finchley v Hemel Hempstad. Hertford v Clepton; Rainham v Homcherch, Royston v Billericay Town; Tibury v Coller Row; Withem v Stavenage Borough. Second division south: Abingdon v Southalt; Camberley v Bracknett, Eosom and Ewell v Eastbourne; Fetham v Flackwell Heath; Herefield v Malden Vale; Horsham v Egham; Maldenhead v Chertsey; Petersfield v Baratsad Ath, Ruisilp Manor v Newbury.

vision: Bromsgrove v Atherstone; Cam-bridge C v Burton, Dardord v Weymoult; Dover v VS Rugby; Gloucester v Chelms-lord; Gosport v Dorchester; Gravesend v Dover v VS Rugby; Gloucestar v Chelmsford: Gosport v Dorrhester; Gravesend v
Alvechurch: Moor Green v Corby;
Waterlooville v Ashford; Wealdstone v
Bath: Worcester v Crawley. Southern
division: Andover v Margata: Bastiley v
Batholist Sury v Yate; Canterbury v
Burnham; Corinthian v Witney; Durstable
v Hastings; Erith and Belvedere v Saltsbury; Fareham v Buckingham; Folkestone
v Trovbridge; Poole v Sneppey, Middead
division: Banbury v Barny; Billiston v
Bedworth; Dudley v King's Lym;
Granham v Strout; Hedinasford v
Halesowen: Nuneaton Borough v
Bridgnorth; Racing Club Warwick v
Lejecster; Rushdan Town v Sutton Coldfield; Sandwell Borough v Willenhalt;
Stourbnidge v Redditch; Tarnworth v
Spalding.

Spaking.

HFS LOANS LEACHE CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Bishop Auckland v Hyde. Premier division: Buston v Mossley. Coine Dynamo v Gainsborough; Frickley v Stalyonige; Galeshad v Caernarion; Horwich v Rhyt; Marine v Goole; Matiock v Bangor. Sheishad v Moreambe; Southport v Fleetwood: Witton v South Liverpool. First division: Congleton v Lancaster; Droyladen v Harrogata; Eastwood Harriey v Rossendale; Eastwood v Accringon Stanley; Emiley v Whitley Bey; Netherfield v Leek; Newtown v Farsley Catic; Radcliffe B v Curzon Astron; Workington v Altraton; Workisop v Villeton; Workisop v Altraton; Workisop.

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SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: To division: Arsemal v Southend Und; Centridge v Chelses; Fulham v Watton Gallingham v Portsmoutht: Leyton Orient Norwich; West Ham v Chariton At Millwall v CPR. Second divisios: Boummouth v Luton Town; Brendford v Briss City; Crystal Pales v Brisstol Rover Oxford Und v Northampton; Southampto v Swindon; Wimbledon v Reading. SKOL NORTHERN LEAGUE First di-vision: Slängham Syn v Seaham Red Star; Consett v Newcastle Blue Star: Durham v South Benk; Gretne v Fernyhill Ath; Guisborough v Shildon; Tow Law v Blyth Spartens; Whitby v Brandon Urd.

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NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUEPremier division: Bridington Trinsty v
Denaby; Brigg v Belper: Halkern v North
Ferriby; Harrogate RW v Pontefract Colls;
Osseti Albion v Thackley; Sheffield v
Grinnethorpe MW; Sutton v Hatfield Main. BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES
LEAGUE: First division: Bootle v
Nantwich; Burscough v Flixton;
Chadderton v Colvyn Bey; Dawen v
Atherton LR: Leyland Motors v Warrington: Prescot Cebles v Citheres, St
telemen v Skelmersdale; Salford v
Ashton.

HOCKEY

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TYPHOO TEA CUP: (women): England v
Netheriands (Wembley, 2:30).
POUND\$TRETCHER NATIONAL
LEAGUE: First division: Cannock v Reading (Four Crosses Ground 1.15): East
Grinstead v Stourport (Farlington School,
Horsham 2.15): Harborne v Havent (Hadley Stadium, Birmingham 12.45); Houslow v Soutingste (Feitham School 2.0);
Sough v Indian Gymithams (Brunel
University, Utbridge 12.30); Teddington v
Bromfley (Broom Hoad 12.30); Walsafield v
loca (Scholemoor Stadium, Bradford
12.0); Welton v Old Loughbraians (Calilands SC, York 12.0). Second divisions:
Bourmille v Tauriton Vale (Shertley Court,
Birmingham 2.0); Brobbourne v Richmond
(John Newman SC, Stevenage 12.30);
Canterbury v Gore Court (Polo Farm,
Canterbury v Sore Court (Polo Farm,
Canterbury 2.30); Doncaster v Cambridge
City (Grove Sport Centre, Newark 10.46);
Guildford v Lyons (Cranleigh School 11.1);
Nesson v Pelentorough Town (The Firs,
Menchessar University 2.30); St Arbans v
Brean (Clarence Park 3.0).

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Blackheath v Tulse Hill: Cheam v Wimble-don; Hampstead v Surbitor; Hawks v Spencer; Meldenhead v Purley; Old Kingstonians v Dutwich.

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First division Airdrie v Alloa.

Ayr v Falkirk ...... Ciyde v Albion R ... Clydebank v Raith R .... Hamilton v St Johnston Mesdowbank v Partick Morton v Forlar.

Second division Arbroath v Queens Park Brechin v Montrose ....... Cowdenbeath v Berwick.... Dumbarton v Kilmarnock. E Fife v Queen of Sth .....

GREAT MILS LEAGUE: Premier divisions Chard v Dewish; Eumouth v 
Mangoisteld; Frome v Bidelord; Listeard 
v Eristo Manor Farm; Plymouth v 
Swenege and Herstor; Tauston v Satisah; 
Tiverton v Paulton; Torrington v 
Chippenham; Welton v Barnstaple. 
Austrausan LEAGUE: Premier division: 
Old Benefanorie v Old Barnstaple.

ant inureant LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Brantwoods v Old Reptoniens; Old Carthusians v Old Malvernians; Old Chigwellians v Old Chigwellians; Old Foresters v Old Econians. First divisions: Old Aldenhamians v Old Harrovians; Old Wykehamists v Old Wellingburtans.
SIMPROFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymens v Portadown; Carrick v Bangor; Ciffonvilla v Distillery; Crusaders v Larne; Glenavon v Limfeld; Glenatona v Colennier, Newsy v

LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERM LEAGUE: First di-vision: Heaton Mersey v Mellor; Old Stopfordiers v Old Waconians; Rochole v Cheadle; Winstow v Sheffield Steelers. BRINE SCUTHERN LEAGUE: Upper con-ference: Beth v Purley; Kenton v Henp-stead. Lower centerance: Croydon v Chipstead; Hillcroft v Buckturet Hill. OTHER SPORT

CANCIENG: Premier division statom championships (Bala, North Wales). GYMMASTICS: British Rhythmic Team championships (Hindey). ionship (Merthyr Tydfil). MOTOR RACING: RAC British Formula Ford champlonship (Castle Donnington, Derbystate). SNOOKER-British Car Rentals World Cup

Swindon V (1994)
Humberside (5.30).
ENGLISH LEAGUE: Play-offs: TOMORROW

FOOTBALL Zenith Data Systems Cup Chelsea v Middlesbro (at Wembley

Doncaster v Cambridge (12.0)... Lincotn v Maidstone (3.0)...... RUGBY LEAGUE

3.30 unless stated
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP:
Bradford v Warrington; Castleford v
Barrow; Hull v Fedinarstone (3.15); St.
Helens v Leigh (3.0); Shaffald v Saltord (at
Concestor, 3.15); Waleoffeld v Leeds
(3.30); Second division: Badley v Helifant
(3.15); Brandey v Cardisie; Fulham v
Mostingham (3.0); Knightey v Chorley
(3.15); Rochdele v Hunslet (3.0); Runcom
v Doncestor (3.0); Ryadale York v Swinton
(3.15); Trafford Borough v Hull KR;
Workington v Dewsbury (3.0).

RUGBY UNION THE POSTER BEARD MIDDLESEX CUP:

BASKETBALL
COCA COLA NATIONAL CUP: Final (4.0).
Women's Cape: Final: Bridge v Sheffield
(12.0). Men's Netlocal Trophy: Final:
Bristian v Outhern (2.0).

HOCKEY

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WONEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCHEngland v Natherlands (Old Loughtonians
HC, 11.30).
POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL
LEAGUE: First division: Slough v Southguin (Brunel University, Unbridge 1.30).
Second division: Warrington v Coventry
and North Warrelcohler (Albert Park,
Salford 12.30).
NATIONWEDE ANGLIA CUP: Semi-feeding 11.30; Old Loughtonians v Stourport
(Chigwell 2.30). ICE HOCKEY

WORLD CHAMPONINHURS: Britain v Spain (Pool D. Cardiff, B.St). HENHEIGEN LEAGUE: First division: Cloveland v Trafford (S. 15); Humberside v Streathem (S.15); Lee Valley v Slough ENGLISH LEAGUE: Play-ette: Oxford City v Chalmsford (6.0); Romford v Besingstoke (5.15).

OTHER SPORT CANCENG: Premier division slatom championships (Bala, North Wales).

Five nations' Pilkington Cup Semi-finals

Moseley v Bath .... Northampton v Gk Club matches

Bedford v Nottingham ath v Orrell .... Plymouth A v Penarth

Waterloo v Vale of Lune ...

McEwan's Scottish League

Boroughmuir v Edinburgh A... Hawick v Seildrk....... Stirfing Co v W of Scotland .... SENTATIVE MATCH: Scotland U-cottish Schools (at Murray/feid). REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Scotland U18s v Scotlish Schools (at Murrayfleid).
SCOTLAND: Michemer's Nettional Language.
Second division: Datzlel HSFP v Preston
Lodge FP: Dunfermline v HitheadJordanhilt; Kilmarnock v Currie; Larigham v
Glasspow Acada. Third division: Begger
v Haddington; East Kiltride v Trinsty
Acads; Highland v Royal High, Feerfa
division: Pateley v Alloit; Cambuslang v
Duminies; Hutchesons v Letin Acads;
Linithigow v Peebles; Greenock Wanderers v Carrita Cusens Park, Filth division:
Lenzie v Broughton; Llenore v Madras
College FP; Moray v Glernothes. Stath
division: Drumpellin v Harris Acads,
Seventh division: Birdmyre v Strainspore;
Garnock v Cumnock; Lesswade v Falidric,
Schewell v Forrester FP, Barder Language
Jediorest v Kelso. Weet: Clarkson v
Alnusick, Allan Glene v Old Aloysians.
Edinburgh and Dietrict Lengue: Ferrarsi v
Turnhouse; Holy Cross v W Linton;
Liberton FP v Lanark. East: Edinburgh
Wanderers v Ayr; Corstorphine v Howe of
File; Heriots v Stewarts Mehille FP,
Mussalburgh v Grangencouth. Midlander:
Griccaldy v Wessonians.
LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Fallers

Pile: Hertots V Stewarts Mehville PP; Mussesburgh v Grangemouth. Middender Kriccaldy v Wetsoniarus.

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Buzzard v High Wycombe; London Fire Brigade v Kingston; London French v Bec Old Boys; Maidstone Mustangs v Bedselanger CW; Mill Hill v Ord Elizabethans; Mitcham v Old Tiffinlens; Newmarket v Royston; New Millon v Bournemouth XV; Old Abbotstonians v Werntley; Old Becelannians v Met Police 4 Dist; Old Brocktelens v Blord Wdns; Old Cartabs v Norwich; Old Cofelans v Old Garlessens; Old Brankens v Old Garlessens; Old Brankens v Old Gravessendians; Old Ethankens v Reading; Old Heileyburiens v Bank of England; Old Heileyburiens v Bank of England; Old Religatian; Old Tottonians v Harringey; Old Werntlamiens v Biggleswade; Orleans v Old Religatian; Old Tottonians v Harringey; Old Werntlamiens v Biggleswade; Orleans v Old Religatian; Old Tottonians v Harringey; Old Werntlamiens v Biggleswade; Orleans v Old Clavins; Rochford v Harlow; Romssy v Andower: Saracens v Blord News, Park House v Old Olavins; Rochford v Harlow; Romssy v Andower: Saracens v Blord Swifts; Society of Ber 1 Sts v Vigo; Slough v Bicester; Southampton POld v Portsmouth Vets; Slevenage v Bedford Swifts; Societycod Park v Woodford; Stowmarket v Woodbridge; Thanet Wanderers v Blactheetyhlaus; Turbridge Wells v Old Alleyrian; UCS Old Boys v Chittern II; University v Andals v Harrodienis; West London Inet v London New Zestand; West London Inet v London New Stortford; Wolding v Feltham II; Worthing v Pulselip.

Ruislip.

WEST: Club statches: Aredans v Old Elezbethams; Avonvale Utó v Bradford-on-Avon; Bodmin v St Austeit: Bristol Saracens v St Brendan's Old Boys; Briodram v Bristol Utd; Burnham-on-Sea v Wells; Camborne v Bricham; Cheddar v Castle Cary; Chippenham v Trowbridge; Chipping Sodbury v Clevedon; Cithon v Torquay Att; Cition Wanders's v Bristol Hariequine: Cotham Park v Insparia; Falmouth v Devon and Comwall Police; Frampton Cotterel v BAC; GordanOid v St Bernadette's; Helston v St Just; Illogan Park v Redruth Albarn; hybridge v Liskeard Looe; Keynsham v Old Patesians; Kingsbridge v Creditor; Lydney v Tauritor; Minety v Bristol Telephones; Midsomer Norton v Barton Hill; Morganians v Colema; Old Ashtonians v Meditsham; Old Cottennians v Wincamton; Oldfield v Old Culverhaysians; Cld Sufiers v Wimborne; Old Techniclens v Bude, Pennyn v Blostord; Penzance-Newlyn v Launceston; St twes v Radruth; St Day v Perrangorit; SW Gae v Pirming; Taunton Utd v Yatson; Tones v Trurc; Weston Utd v V Hornets; Westbury v Kingswood; Winscombe v Chew Valley.

Today

POWD SKI REPORT: Esteapart 1-2.30pts.
GRANDSTAND: BBC1 12.15-5.05pm:
Rugby Union: Pive milions' champlestate: Live coverage of indund v Wates
from Dulin: Smoolast: The World Cap
from Bournemouth: Footbalk Highlights
of the Europeae Cape Genera-disale.
Abbleton: The IAAF cross-country
champlomistips from Abv-Les-Bains,
France: Repling: 1.5, 1.50, 2.25 from
Newbury: Cricton: West Indies v England: Third Teel: First session, second
day.

HOCKEY: Eurosport 12.30-1 and 4.30-

Spin: issoer event from Austria.
ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 4-6 and 7:309:50pm: The Medicinal Hockey League.
MOTOR SPORT: Screensport Sam-midday: The World Relly championships:
Highights of the 1990 Portugues Relly,
and the NASCAR Attents 500. Eurosport
11-11:30am and 10:30-11pm: Highights
from the Formula One circuit.

NORTTI: Club matches: Airebronians v Old Modernians; Arrethorpe Markhen v Dirmington XV; Ashbourne v All Spertens; Aspull v Kersal; Barnsley v Ponteract; Bishop Aucthand v Gosforth Greyhounds; Bisciduum v Rochdele; Biscippool v Calder vale; Bisquon v Healtas; Bowdon v Marpler; BF Chemicais v Advick; Bradford salem v Metlodi; Brantley v Station of Bingley v Roundray; Bradford Salem v Metlodi; Brantley v Saley; Bridlington v Scarborough; Brung v Yorkshire CW; Burly v Vold Bedlans; Casile College v Darnum Phoenix XV; Clectheauton v Roundhegians; Cleethorpes v Hullensiens; Clitheroe v Lostock; Darington v Richmondshire; Cleethorpes v Hullensiens; Clitheroe v Lostock; Darington v Richmondshire; Cleethorpes v Hullensiens; Clitheroe v Lostock; Darington v Richmondshire; Cleethorpes v Hullensiens; Clitheroe v Lostock; Darington v Richmondshire; Cleethorpes v Hullensiens; Clitheroe v Lostock; Darington v Sheffield Tigent; Doncaster v Goole; Dronfield v Wibsey; Eagle v Colne and Nelson; Eccles v Old Salians; Fleetwood v Liverpool Collegiate; Pride XV v Camionit; Gates v Old Salians; Fleetwood v Liverpool Collegiate; Pride XV v Camionit; Gates, Headingley v Rossley Paris; Heath v Old Crossleyams; Hemraste v Stoke; Headingley v Rossley Paris; Heath v Old Crossleyams; Hemraste v Stoke; Headingley v Rossley Paris; Heath v Old Crossleyams; Hemrasted v Keighney, Hull and ER v Redcar XV; Knottingley v Leads Cornthians; Leeds VNCA v Manchester v West Park (St Helens); Mansfeld v Katteris; Marchester v West Park (St Helens); Mansfeld v Katteris; Marchester v West Park (St Helens); Mansfeld v Katteris; Marchester v West Park (St Helens); Marc

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Ampthill v Old

Aylestonians v Ilkaston: Aylestone Athleis: v Braunstone Town; Aylestone St James v Syston; Banbury v Learningenr, Bearwood v Rubery Owen; Bedworth v Leek; Belgrave v Coventry Sezaron; Berkswell and Balsall v Carverdon; Birchfield v Erdington; B'hem & Solihull v Walsal; Birminghem CMI Service v Newport CS; Bridgnorth v Woodrush; Birchfield v Erdington; B'hem & Solihull v Walsal; Birminghem CMI Service v Newport CS; Bridgnorth v Woodrush; Birminghem CMI Service v Newport CS; Bridgnorth v Woodrush; Bromsgrove v Sutton Coldfield; Burntwood v Witton; Burton v Berkers Butts; Coalville v Northampton Bl Old Boys; Corby v Weilinghorough OG; Covernity Technical v Antstay; Derby v New Brighton; Droitwich v Aston Oc; Dudley Kingawinford v Hinckley; Dunstablane v Weilinghorough OG; Earlsdon v Rugby St. Andrews; Edwardlans v Old Centrals; Gartree v South Wigston; Gloucester Old Boys v Perstone; Hendsworth v Ludlow; Harbury v Ounlop; Hereford v Dixonians; Konilworth v Cold Yardleienes; Kloworth v Southam; Kiddeminister v Reddlech; Leighton Buzzard v High Wycombe; Loughborough v Nuneasion Oc; Luton v Towcestrians; Lutharworth v Long Eaton; Marsfield v Kettering; Market Drayton v Old Salians; Mellish v Nottinghamiens, Methon Keynes v GEC Coventry; Moderns v Stamford; Newserk v Maslock; Newbold v Peterborough; Newscastle v Kings Norion; Newport v Soles Old Boys; Northampton Heathens v West Leicester; Old Bosworthians v Pott Halesonians v Cold Halesonians; Old Northamptonians v Trinity Guild; Old Newfonians v Pott Priviors v Vipers; Ruby St. Andrews v Broad Street; Rushden and Lingham v South Leicester; St Georges v Williams v Old Griffinians; Slaeford v Nottingham Cassusis; Spalding v Oadby Wygoestonians; Spartans v Willems v Destronians v Pott Halesonians v Bouthvillans; Slaeford v Nottingham Cassusis; Spalding v Oadby Wygoestonians; Spartans v Willemin Stamford v Heeston Moor; Stewers and Lingker v Servers; Westeleigh v Camp Hill Octives Westevood Works v Oadmam; Wiltwell v East Leads Old Boys v Center v Weston Super Mare.

#### SPORT ON TV RACING: C4 3-5.05pm: 3.05, 3.40, 4.15 and 4.45 from Donosster.

ATHLETICS: Eurosport 8-8pm: Cross country: Highlights of the women's even from Ab-Lea-Beine, France. RESULTS SERVICE: ITY 4.45-5pm. RUGHY LEAGUE: Screensport 1-2:30 and 9:30-11pm: Highlights of Feetberstens Rovers v Wigen, and France v Greet Entitle from Carcasonne. BASKETBALL: Screensport 2.30-4pm; College metch; Highlights of the ACC BOJUNG: Earesport 9-10.30pm: Saturday right fights: Screensport 11-12.30pm: Professional event from the United UGBY UNION: Eurosport 2:30-4:30pm; ve nations' teamement: Live coverage I reland v Walee from Lansdowne oad, Dublin. SAINT AND GREAVER: ITY 1.15-1.45pm.
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United States pro-tour: Highlights from Sugarbush, Vermont. CRICKET: SKY ONE 2-form: West Indias POOTBALL: Eurosport 11.30am-12.30pm: International Indoor tournament from Paris: Screensport 12-1pm and 12.30em (tomocrow): Argentician league, and international highlights. PORD SIG REPORT: Eurosport 1-2.30pm.

SNOOKER: Emeaport 11pm-lam: High-lights of the European Open from Lyon: 18C2 4.40-6.25pm and 12.45-1.60am (bororow): The World Cup final from Bournemonth. SUNFAIG: Eurosport 6-6.30pm: Surfer magazine. magazine.
TRANS WORLD SPORT: Estrosport 7Epril: Sport from around the world.
UPDATE: Screensport 7-30pm.

Tomorrow

ATHLETICS: Eurosport 2-Spra: Cross country: Highlights of the women's event from Als-Les-Sains, France. BASKETBALL: Screensport 7.30-6pm: BASKETBALL: Screensport 7.30-6pm: American inegee.
BOXBNO: Screensport 6-7.30em and 9.30-11pm: Top Rank event from the United States.
CRECKET: SKY ONE 3-10.10pm (combined with football: West Indies v England: Tahd Test Live coverage of the second day from Trintidat: BBC111.35pm-12.05em: Highlights of the Maintides.

ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 10em-midden and 11pm-1am: The Mational Hockey MOTORCYCLING: Screensport 11sm-1pm and 8:30-9:30pm: Highlights of the Japan GP (125cc, 250cc, and 500cc) from the Suzuka circuit.

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MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 1:30-3:30m, 7:30-3:30m and 2-5mr. The NASCAR Atlents 500: Dragater cacker lightly and select the NASCAR Atlents 500: Dragater cacker lightly champion from Teace: The Wood Raby champion from Teace: The Wood Raby champion from the Carcuit to the 1950 Personal from the Personal Carcuit and the coverage of the See Peable GP from Brazil: BBCZ 11:350m-12:05em; Highlights from Brazil: BBCZ 11:350m-12:05em; Highlights of the See Peable GP from Brazil: BBCZ 11:350m-12:05em; Highlights of the See Peable GP from Brazil: BBCZ 11:350m-12:05em; Highlights of the See Peable GP from Brazil: BBCZ 11:350m-12:05em; Highlights of the See Peable GP from Brazil: BBCZ 11:350m-12:05em; Highlights of the See Peable GP from Brazil: BBCZ 11:350m-12:05em; Highlights of the See Peable GP from Brazil: BBCZ 11:350m-12:05em; Highlights of the See Peable GP from Brazil: BBCZ 11:350m-12:05em; Highlights of the See Peable GP from Brazil: BBCZ 11:350m-12:05em; Highlights of the See Peable GP from Brazil: BBCZ 11:350m-12:05em; Highlights of the See Peable GP from Brazil: BBCZ 11:350m-12:05em; Highlights of the See Peable GP from Brazil: BBCZ 11:350m-12:05em; Highlights from Brazil: BBCZ 11:

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v Greet Stinds from Carcasonne.

RIGBY SPECIAL: BBC2 5.10-8.10pm;
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Bath and Northampton v Gloucester.

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## World Cup fame spurs bottom two

From Gerald Davies Dublin

After the trumpet blast of last weekend's events at Murrayfield which settled all the issues of the scason, it is rather a plaintive melody which has been heard in Dublin this week as a prologue to this afternoon's match be-

tween Ireland and Wales, There is an indistinct murmur of lost causes with not even regret of what might have been. Both teams know, deep down, that they have not been quite up to it. The feast has eluded them and they have spent their time tearing around looking for the

A feeling which emerges in each country that to stem the flow of failure much needs to be done to bolster the whole framework of their domestic game. Both England and Scotland have shown greater clarity of purpose.

Ireland and Wales also had a lean time last season with a single victory each. Ireland gained their only success against Wales in Cardiff, their third there in five years, and Wales beat England, Today they are battling it out to see see who will languish finally at the bottom of the champ-

Wales, it is said, are on the verge, as last season, of experiencing their first whitewash in their history. This is not strictly correct. They did, in fact, lose all their matches in 1937. But as France were not then part of the championship, the losses suffered were against the other three. This historical tubit will be

Ireland			Wales
K Murphy (Constitution)	15	Full back	P H Thorburn
K J Hooks (Ards)	14	Right wing	S P Ford (Cardill)
M J Kieman (Dolphin)	13	Right centre	M G Ring (Cardin)
B J Mullin (Blackrock College)	12	Left centre	A G Bateman (Neath)
K D Crossan (Instonians)	11	Left wing	A Emyr
B A Smith (Oxford University)	10	Stand off	(Swansea) D W Evans
M T Bradley (Constitution)	9	Scrum half	(Cardill) R N Jones"
J J Fitzgeraid (Young Munster)	1	Prop	(Swansee) B R Williams
J P McDonaid (Majore)	2	Hooker	(Neath) K H Phillips
D C Fitzgerald	3	Prop	(Neeth) H Williams-Jos
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Rowlands, this year's Welsh president. He already holds the very dubious distinction of being the last captain to lose to England in Cardiff and he is unlikely to relish the reputation of Wales losing every match in his presidential year. There is the deepest irony if this were to befall a man who has spent so much of his time on behalf of the game in

(Neath), 17 A Clement (Swanses), 18 C Bridges (Neath), 19 M Griffins (Carciti), 20 I J Watkins (Carciti), 21 R Philips have been down this route before. Thus, with no crown imperial to play for, neither

side should be inhibited by

fear of failure, each having

A G Allen

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encountered so many setbacks Injury problems have hindered any development which Ireland might have expected this season. "We've had to use 30 players altogether in the season," Jimmy Davidson, the Irish coach, said "that is

Worried Welsh: Robert Jones, the captain, and Ron Waldron, the coach, in debate during training in Dublin yesterday difficult for any team to absorb, whereas Scotland used the same 15 throughout." Earlier this week there were injury problems for today's team, but Pat O'Hara, John

"To look simply in terms of this championship is no enough," Davidson "Our perceptions have

McDonald and Neil Francis

have all reported fit.

changed with the World Cup that of John Ryan, his prede- side of the scrum to get his only a year away. We need to cessor. The team is much establish our credibility changed and there is little to within the context of that. This game this afternoon may give indications of that."

To attempt any analysis of the Welsh team would be premature. Ron Waldron, their coach, enters his second game in charge and the way he views his role is different from

go on from the previous

Steve Ford wins his first

cap, Williams-Jones, although already having earned his cap, will actually start a game for the first time. Allen is back at lock and Morris, after a five-



## Underdogs unlikely to bite Londoners at Gloucester or Bath

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

A week ago Scotland revelled in the prospect of walking out before their own packed house at Murrayfield as underdogs; as England now know, this is the year of the underdog which will give added zest to Moseley and Northampton as they prepare for the semi-finals of the Pilkington Cup today

The two Midiand clubs, like Scotland, are favoured to lose on their own grounds, which will be packed to the gills with West Countrymen. Added to familiar surroundings, therefore, will be the release from iul expected them to this position - certainly not Moseley in the dark dog days of game worthy of the name for

Moseley, too, will have watched with interest - possibly incredulity - the apparently-unsettling events at Bath this week; the reduction of Guscott to the ranks, the introduction of the comparatively-inexperienced Ubogu at loose-head prop and the return of Simpson to the back row when he has played so little league and cup rugby this

They will reason that the cupholders know their own business best, but it will not burt morale to know that neither Lee, the excluded tight-head prop (Chileott will swap sides), nor Hall, the suspended flanker, form part of the visiting pack for ne which, if Moseley are to win it anywhere, will be won up front. That is where Moseley's stremeth ites, their backs will tackle all day, but they are

#### RAF turns to flanker from New Zealand

Chris Natspu, a flying officer on exchange from the Royal New Zesland Air Force, makes his first appearance as a flanker for the RAF against the Royal Navy in the inter-services tournament it Twickenham today (Michael

Austin writes).
The RAF, who field Rory Underwood, England's most-capped back, have achieved consecutive victories over Lydney, Clifton and

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unlikely to win too many with the deceit and

Buile of their running.
Not that Barnes, Bath's captain, exudes anything but defi-ance in a month which has seen his club's prospect of retaining the league title slump after an unexpected defeat at Nottingham. "I've never been on a losing cup side since I joined Bath and I don't intend to start now, he said He was injured two years ago when the one blemish in 31 cup matches occurred - the 4-3 quarter-final

defeat at Moseley.

When Bath slipped in the league it was Gloucester who replaced them, giving them-selves the possibility of emulating Bath's 1989 double. They have thrown off the nagging injury problems of earlier in the week and Gadd will take his accustomed place in the back row, while Caskie and Morgan return to the threequarters against Northampton.

Unlike Moseley - who beat them by six points last week -Northampton have enjoyed consistent form this season.

"We have played ourselves into some very exciting positions," Paul Bryant, their coach, said. Bryant has a long association with the club, as a booker before four successive knee operations forced him out of the game at the age of 26, and in the last two years as coach during which time the club has stormed to the head of the second division.

Even if they lose today, Northampton can secure league promotion next week by win-ning at Gosforth. "For the last 10 years it has been a dead-end Bryant said, "but this year there has been so much momentum."

His players, among whom Elkington and Steele, at half back, have formed a profitable partnership, will hope to move Gloucester's forwards around and rediscover the self-confidence which carried them past Leicester in the last round.

Everything points to Glouces-ter and Bath, first and second in the league, meeting in the final at Twickenham on May 5, but I would not put my mortgage on it. Not this year.

#### **Fund raisers**

Public School Wanderers are hoping to include Will Carling, the England captain, and Paul Ackford, the England international in an All-Star XV to play a South London selection at Battersea on April I to raise money for a local hospice.

#### Favourites eclipsed in schools sevens finale

By Michael Stevenson

The last day of the Rosslyn Park National Schools Sevens saw the demise of a number of thefavourites, and the emergence of Neath and Mount St Mary's, who qualified for the final.

Mount St Mary's were fortunate to survive the group win-ners' round, in which they met a hustling King's. Macclesfield, side who made the fatal error of to ing to sit on a four-point lead. Mount St Mary's scored wide out to level the scores, taking the tie into extra time, during which their England squad player, Dawson, hared in for an excellent try to carry them into the quarter-finals.

Many people thought that Millifield were the side to beat, and their form in the first round was dauntingly authoritative. But Neath exploited their lack of pace in the quarter-final, winning 24-0. It was sad to see Ampleforth go out to Mount St Mac's but while strong on Mary's, but while strong on courage and character they were a bit short on speed.

It seemed as if there was no one who could give Neath a real contest: nothing could have been further from the truth. Llandovery began to play some beautiful rugby and led 14-6 in the semi-final before

Neath really got their act to-gether. A brilliant touchline conversion by Morgan carned them into the final with an uneasy 16-14 victory.

Meanwhile, Mount St Mary's found rugged opposition in RGS High Wycome. All the skill and flourish came from Mount St Mary's, but RGS kept on tackling and the result was in doubt until the final whistle.

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### claim first title after hard game

By Michael Austin

West London Inst...... 33 St Paul and St Mary's ... 6

West London Institute became the mangural champions of the National Student League first division by beating College of St Paul and St Mary, of Chehen-ham, in a robust match bristling with stern tackling and honesi toil at Isleworth yesterday.

A draw would have sufficed to avoid a triple tie between West

London, St Paul's and Bristol University at the top of the table, but the Londoners, vig-orously communed and skilful exponents of back play, tri-

West London, formerly Borough Road, will enter their centenary season in September as champions. Their opening league visit to

Liverpool University cost £500 in travelling expenses, a hefty burden for a club receiving an annual grant of only £1,500 from its students' union. Fulfill-ing league games has cost West London £1,300 in all this season, which has been offset by their energetic efforts to obtain sponsorshin.

On the field, West London have been just as businesslike, winning all their league matches. Bristol University held them to their narrowest victory

margin, 16-3.
St Paul's, who opted to face a chilling diagonal wind, trailed by 18 points at half-time. They were sorely troubled by Wilhams, a tall and fast flanker, and watched in envy as Appleson converted both first-half tries across the wind from the touchline. He landed seven out of eight attempts and scored 21 points overall.

Curry thundered over for the opening try from a tapped penalty but West London's in-tricate moves in the back, tog::: with the ever-present support running, was fittingly expressed with a try by Reed Staniake reassured St Paul's

with lengthy touch kicks and they matched West London in the scrums without winning the high quality possession from racks and mauls to stretch the opposing defence unduly.

Stanlake landed two penalty goals in the first seven minutes

after balf-time but Williams ended their revival with an opportunist try after pursuing and catching an unsuccessful penalty attempt by Appleson.

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**SNOOKER** 

## Irish decide not to exchange emblems

flar-waving exercise, by members of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland teams who were meeting in the British Car Rental World Cup second semi-final in Beutnemouth, was cancelled last might

The trains were considering tenning hoth their own national ings and their opponents on Other layer, but the sita was rejected because it was considrred that it could be politically Northern Ireland defeated last

vear's runners-up. Rest of the World, on Thursday night, after which their captain, Definis Taylor, said "There will be a marvellous atmosphere in the semi-linal, everyone will be hatting hard but there will be and alex Higgins, who, like

Taylor, was a member of the Allireland sale which won the title three times between 1985 and 1987, followed Taylor's lead in saving. "This is great for both sets of the Irish people, we may wear different colours because of the format, but we are all Irish

in the tournament since 1987, but crased that blot on his copybook by winning three in a row against Tony Drago, of Malia, to but the Irish through That the subsequent fratemal feeling across the Irish divide should not be manifested by the joint show of flags, however, is a

Canada, who were seeking to win the title for the first time since 1982, led 2-1 in the opening semi-final against Australia yesterday.

Bob Chaperon, of Canada,

highest break of the lournament so far, 67 in the opening frame of his 2-0 win over John Campbell to put his side in line for a joint share of the £6.001 nigh break onze His captain, Cliff Thorburn facted to follow his lead, how-

Warren King RESULTS: Thursday's late question-finals.
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## Equal rights for all members

The International Rugby Foot-ball Board (IRFB) moved yesat this week's annual meeting ship to 44 countries and consideration will be given to organised regional groupings, similar to that of the Federation terday towards the process of democratisation which will offer an increasing number of assocrate members the prospect of a direct voice in the affairs of

world rugby.
It is hoped that, by next year's annual meeting in London next March, all affiliated countries will have the same membership rights but that an executive council will exercise the managenal functions of the IRFB as

n now stands.
A council of 16 is proposed. drawn from the existing eight senior members (the four home unions, France, New Zealand, South Africa and Australia). Up to five other unions would be due to be constructed before the

1991 World Cup. The acceptance of Kenya and similar to that of the Federation
Internationale de Rugby Amateur (FIRA). Such a development was put before the
board by Albert Ferrasse, president of France, the guiding
lights in FIRA.

For once South Africa occu-pied little time: the board noted with pleasure" progress towards fully integrated non-racial rugby but Fritz Eloff, who chaired this year's meeting, conceded that 1995 might be too early for his country to stage the World Cup. The decision on the venue is due to be made next

take place every four years in O'Brien. Terry Price, Paul mid-term between World Cups. Ringer, Chris Seldon and The Scottish Rugby Union has

pressed for such an event since it staged a successful tournament as part of its centenary celebrations in 1973 and it will host the

first, in 1993.

The French Rugby Federation was reprumanded for improperly reinstating three rugby league players - Daniel Verdes, Eric Vergniol and Freddy Bourrel - and all three will be spended until France follows the appropriate procedure.

Under that procedure the

Welsh Rugby Union has successfully applied for the reinstatement of 17 former eague players, seven of them former union internationals: Adrian Barwood, Clive Best. Tommy David, Geoff Davies. Steve Fenwick, Bob Fleay, Ness Hallett, Keith Jarrett, Chris

Brynmor Williams

**ROWING** 

#### Sweeney's squad to get flying start

By Mike Rosewell

Pat Sweeney, the Oxford coach, will cox the Great Britain national squad crew when it leads off a flotilla of 420 crews in the Head of the River from Mortlake to Putney today. The crew he controls, composed of Leander and Bedford Star members, boasts more than 20 world and Olympic medals and has Simon Berrisford and Steve Redgrave, the leading British pair, in the seven and six seats.
The international challenge to the GB squad revolves approximately 50 crews from Europe, including 30 from West Ger-many, although an entry from Nottingham County, designated as their second crew, includes five members of the leading Soviet Union coxed four of 1989.

1989.
The main challenge to the GB squad is likely to come from crews from Italy and West Germany and from the domestic London University crew.
The head organizers refused to accept more than one entry from Oxford and Cambridge universities this year. With the universities this year. With the entry limited by the Port of London Authority, Pauline Churcher, the secretary, decided that the practice of Oxford and Cambridge entering multiple crews and then scratching was unfair to the ordinary club crews

which might be excluded. LEADING STARTERS: 1. Great Britisin National Squad (Leander-Bedford Star); 2. University of London: 3. Notingradia County: 4. Leander: 5. Godde (Cambridge University): 6. Lest; 7. Themes Tradesmen; 8. Leander III: 9. University of London III 10. Imperial college.

BOAT RACE CREW OUTHIGS: Oxford

9am. Cambridge 10am and Head of the
River 3pm.

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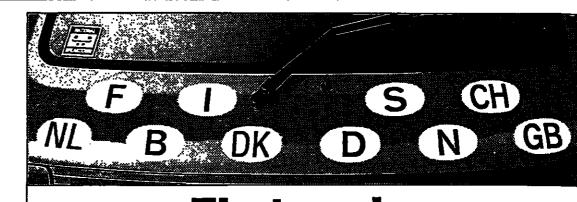
#### Rainey sets the pace in record style

Suzuka, Japan (Reuter) — Wayne Rainey, of the United States, rode his Yamaha inside the official track record yes-terday on the first day of qualifying for the Japanese 500cc Grand Prix tomorrow the opening race of the world champsonship. Kevin Schwantz, Rainey's

compatriot, was more than a second inside his official lap record in the first practice session on a Suzuki. But Rainey then shaved 0.09 of a second off it during the last 10 minutes of the afternoon session He went around the 5.8km

circuit in 2min 10 332sec at an average speed of 161 836kph. "I'm trying to do it the same way as last year, and trying to win every race," Rainey said. Schwantz, seeking his third successive win in the event, was second quickest with 2min 10.422sec, while Wayne Gard-ner, who became the first in 1987, was third on his Honda in 2min 10.446sec.

Eddie Lawson, the world champion, was fourth fastest.



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## Optimism for best yet from English and Zimbabweans

England A and Zimbabwe believe the third five-day international starting here today could bring the best cricket in the series. England lead 1-0 and are anxious to end their tour with a victory and there is every chance a more positive approach to their run-rate will be made to achieve this. With another lifeless pitch

certain to be provided, Eng-land know they must give Watkin replaces the Essex allthemselves as much time as possible to bowl out their opponents twice. The Zimbabweans, who have had no match play since last weekend in Bulawayo, have been practising hard. They have feet spurred by their improved showing there and feel the gap between the sides has nar-rowed since England arrived England had a boost yes-

terday when Atherton, on his 22nd birthday, confirmed his recovery from a strained groin. Pringle, as feared, though, is out. His problem lies in the base of his back and a long rest has been advised. It is too soon to know if he will recover in time for the start of

which played in the second international at Bulawayo, England have made three changes. Two of them are based on what happened against Zimbabwe B in midweek. Thorpe returns for Stephenson who has lost form; icft-arm spinner's berth from Afford and he will also shorten the tail in Pringle's absence.

rounder. Predictably, it was decided that Lawrence could not be risked in a five-day game after his technical problems this week, which have temporarily left him short on confidence. England wanted to select Lawrence, whose pace could have been an important asset. His rhythm at practice, however, was clearly still affected by his problems against Zimbabwe B when he bowled numerous no

balls and was twice warned for running on the pitch. Zimbabwe have made one change from the side which played in the second international. Brandes, the fast bowler, has recovered from back and elbow problems and returns to the attack. Grant

Compared with the team Flower, the young batsman with limitless patience, makes way for him.

It left Zimbabwe dangerously short of options to include only three specialist bowlers at Bulawayo and there is no question that Brandes's return should be beneficial. and Illingworth wins the slow It's also possible that the Zimbabwean batting order will be reshuffled Hitherto, the first three in

their order, Shah, Goodwin and Robertson, have all been strokemakers. They might now consider using Andy Flower as an opening bats-man. His solid, left-handed defiance has already proved useful lower down the order and he does have experience as an opener.

Meanwhile Alan Smith, the

TCCB's chief executive, has confirmed that more than one Test playing country, in prin-cipal, would like to see regular A team series between

Twelve

## Bowled over by a devotee



The hair might have turned a little greyer, but the face is still as mountful, the walk as mountful, the walk as angular, the enthusiasm as infectious as ever they were when he played his last Test, 14 years ago. At the drop of a hat, Lance Gibbs will get up from his desk, pick up an autographed cricket ball series against Pakistan. which has permanent home "Waqar Hassan. Played for between the telephone and the notepad in his Miami office

and show you what he means. "To bowl off spin, you have to get round here, side on and then cut across the front leg. You mustn't get too chest on." Through the open door the secretary, unaware that she has just had the batsman's eye view of the most successful spinning action in the history of Test cricket - 309 Test wickets, 1,024 first-class wickets in 24 years for West Indies, Guyana, South Australia and Warwickshire - looks

Conversation with Gibbs is punctuated by the telephone; sometimes business, sometimes cricket. "England beat the President's XL Who took the wickets? What's going on down there?" The voice rises to a plea. 'Yeah, we have a ship going down on Thursday. You want how much rice? Steve, is Richards fit? Nor Marshall? Hey, what is going on down there?"

Unfortunately, Gibbs has his schedule muddled up for this week. As regional sales manager for Crowley Caribbean Transport, he usually manages to pop in on home

has to go to Boston and New York, which upsets him a little because Trinidad, the venue for the third Test, holds fond memories for him. His first Test wicket came in Trinidad in the second Test of the 1958

the turn, caught by Weekes. Playing for the turn? He wasn't the last," he laughs. And the 308th, the wicket which took him past Fred Trueman as the highest wicket-taker in Test history? "Redpath Caught long-on. He was a good player of spin, Reduath.

The wicket effectively marked the end of an era in West Indian cricket. Then 41, Gibbs reckoned his work had been done. He bowled 50 overs in his last Test, the sixth in the disastrous series against Australia in 1975-76. To reach the record he needed over 11,000 more balls than Trueman and his spinning finger bears witness to the toil.

Long and spindly, like the legs, it has a permanent lump on the inside of the knuckle. No other spinner has that because none held the ball as Gibbs did, pressed deep into the hand with the knuckle of the index finger rubbing against the seam. Only when that got raw did he move the ball to the more orthodox position at the end of his

television. But, from long experience, he feels that today could be the decisive day of the series. "You never know what's going to happen in Trinidad. It usually takes a bit of turn there. I think England have to go for a win because I don't fancy their chances in Barbados or Antigua."

But does it upset him that, whatever the result, the spinners will probably not play much of a part in it? "People say that the art of spin has died, but if you look around the world now, there are plenty of spinners coming through. In the West Indies, perhaps the generation after me suffered because they were expected to bowl like me."

At the age of 55, Gibbs still plays occasionally for charity XIs. Four high-stepping paces, bowl, turn, back to the mark. He once claims he finished an over before Wes Hall, who was bowling at the other end, had reached long leg. Tony Greig used to make him wait, tried to break up his rhythm by doing a bit of gardening.

"That made me mad. Boy cott might do it too. With Boycott you had to wait. And wait and wait and wait. If you dropped short, he loved to hit you square on the offside. So you'd hold one back a bit. Here, like this . . " And the ball disappears past the sec-

Today, Gibbs will join some Andrew Longmore

## The boundaries of poverty stunt growth of a game

After three weeks playing cricket in Buenos Aires, my thoughts on our tour cannot be divorced from my impressions of the

country.

Indeed, the state of Argentinian cricket could, in a simple sense, seen as a microcosm of sense, seen as a microcosm of the plight of the whole country: the few who are wealthy enough to afford to play, the millions of those who are not, the lack of coordinated leadership, perochial factions, the lack of funds caused by excessive inflation.

But three weeks living in the lap of huxury at the Hurlingham Club and playing cricket in Buenos Aires does not entitle one to give a balanced appraisal of a nation.

From what little I did see, this is a land of stark contrasts: the crowded shanty towns and mid-

crowded shanty towns and mid-die class suburbs; the barefooted child, wide-eyed, paim out-stretched begging for money in the affluent city centre shopping mall; the rich Hurlingham Cricket Club member with his personal bowling machine and the young boy from Lomas not able to afford lunch on the day

of a match.

Argentinian cricket is survivsurvival and ultimate regenera-tion are finance, leadership and the grip of the hyper-inflation which is suffocating the country

Even for the wealthy Argentinian businessmen accustomed to 40 years of economic and political fluctuation, the situation has become dire. While we were there, inflation was averaging 70 percent per month, petrol prices were increased overnight by 125 per cent and telephone bills by up to 433 per cent. In Rosario, there were food riots and looting of

important part of the tour for the MCC team was attending official functions, many of which, we quickly realized, were

affluent Anglo-Argentines.
The immediate problem for the ACA is to finance its

elevation to the captaincy of New South Wales by scoring an unbeaten century on the first day of the Sheffield Shield final nst Queensland yesterday.

against Queensland yesterday.

Taylor was 107 not out at the end of playand piloted his side to 231 for four after sharing a 160-run opening partnership with Small, who made 75 before he was caught off Rackemann.
Geoff Lawson, the state captain, had been ruled out with a shoulder injury shortly before start of play.

New South Wales, put in to bat, went to tea at 153 for no wicket, but lost four in the final session. They need only to draw

session. They need only to draw

Paul Parker, the captain of the MCC team to

Argentina, gives his impressions of the tour

national side's trip to the ICC Trophy tournament in The Netherlands in June. It relies heavily on the money distrib-uted to associate members by the International Cricket Council, whose initial payments to the ACA, eagerly awaited, will be in the region of £5,000. It is a case of living from hand to

The ideal solution, of course, would be to introduce cricket into more Spanish speaking schools through a co-ordinated programme of coaching. Too long has cricket been the demesse of the rich Anglo-Argentine too long hes popped. gentine, too long has money been the key to who plays cricket. But to attempt to change this, even on a small scale, would require funds beyond the

present sights of the ACA. Several of the private English cricket and more boys of Spangame. But the numbers of children involved are very many years had professional cricketerss from England coming out to coach in these private schools and to play in the small Buenos Aires cricket league, which comprises the four clubs,

which comprises the four clubs, Hurlingham, Belgrano, Lomas and St Albans.

It would appear, however, that local and language difficulties have been prohibitive and that there has been no one of sufficient stature to unite the disparate forces within the ACA. disparate forces within the ACA and introduce an organized

supermarkets.

The Argentinian Cricket
Association (ACA) is desperately short of funds and an implemented, it is doubtful that implemented, it is doubtful that the Latins would embrace a game as slow as cricked Do game as slow as cricket. Despite the noble efforts of many of its 200 protagonists, the future for Argentinian cricket, I fear, is hardly bright, and, as with the vast country itself, the roads forward will be long and difficult.

## Solid start by Taylor

the trophy for the first time. Border, the Australian captook 11 wickets against West Indies last season, finished with two for 27 after having Mark Waugh caught behind and trapping Bayliss leg-before. NEW SOUTH WALES: First S Small c Clifford b Rackeman

**CYCLING** 

## Boardman tries again with Texas in mind

By Peter Bryan

Christopher Boardman, a specialist climber but one who has never finished higher than third in the Porthole Grand Prix

he is both the British 25 miles and hill climb champion.

The organizers, with a limit of 120 competitors, have had to time trial around Lake Win-dermere, makes his fifth attempt

tomorrow.

The twisting 25½-mile circuit has few strenches of flat and one large hill, the Devil's Gallop, that will take riders out of the saddle and leave them out of breath. The climb is a 200-yard with a consingerent section with a one-in-seven gradient on which the trial could be won and lost.

Boardman is using the event as final preparation for the Tour-of Texas, starting next Thurs-day. The Windermere course,

120 competitors, have had to return 87 entries. The quality of those accepted is the best in recent years. Among them are the world professional pursuit champion, Colin Sturgess, and one other professional last year's winner, Paul Curran. Sturgess, whose place in the new Tulip-IOC team was confirmed

this week, joins the squad in Belgium on Monday.

Amanda Jones, world road champion in 1982, who plans a serious comeback this season, has probably the most demoralizing starting emission. alizing starting position: she will be sent off one minute behind



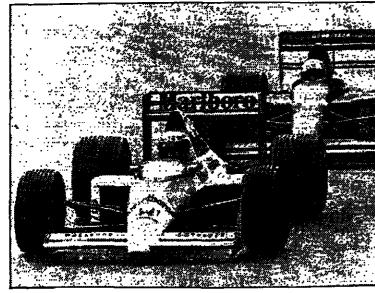
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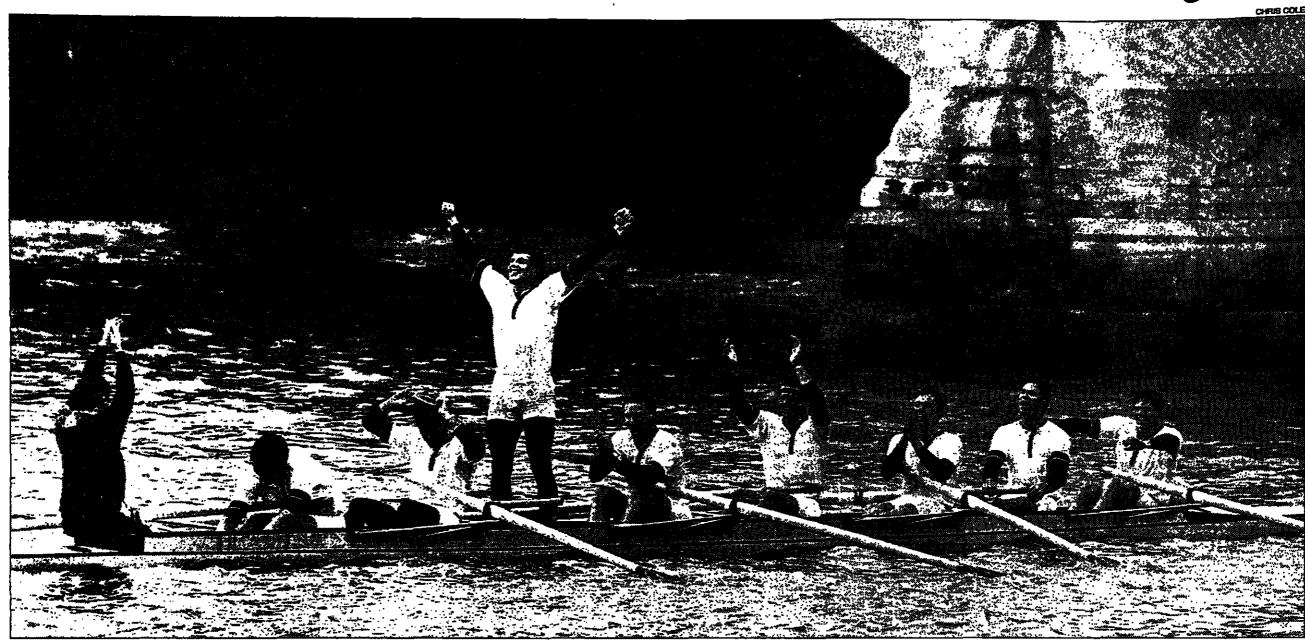
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## Vindication on the Tideway



A lone figure upright in the Oxford Boat, balancing like a statue. His mighty arms were raised to the sky, and his face stared in ecstasy into the heavens beyond. For a few moments Donald Macdonald was alone with his God

Oxford start the Boat Race next Saturday as favourites, unlike the crew of 1987 which had

been disrupted by mutiny. Daniel Topolski recalls the remarkable conclusion of that

Donald went to a quiet corner of the dressing room for a moment and prayed, not that Oxford should just go out and win, but that everyone should reach their full potential and row as well as they ever could. He said how grateful he was that we were all here on this day, and that he hoped we would all come through our troubles stronger and better people. In his hand he clutched two postcards - one from his wife, Ruth, which read: "I love you my darling - whatever happens." The other read: "Be filled with the will to win. Take what belongs to you. Do not be denied. All best wishes and prayers. Michael Suarez." Donald ended his few moments of contemplation with the whispered words: "Please, please God, ct me row the race of my life today.

Outside it began to rain, but the wind

campaign, and the triumph of the man at the heart of the controversy, Donald Macdonald

overcast. The Cambridge camp supporters were a few yards away, laughing in the next boathouse heartily, fully confident of their inevitable victory. I had a quick word with Albert, checked the boat egain and went upstairs to get the boys. Inside the dressing room I called: "Okay lads, let's go down and watch isis start against Goldie, then we'll go straight out

on the water." personal Good luck', although I doubt if the boys went back for their oars. Each continued to build and the sky was they were aware of my words by now. man took his place, screwed his gate

And when the President stepped out I shook his hand and said: "This is it. Go get 'em Donald."

We stood outside in the rain and gave a rousing cheer as Isis powered bravely by in the reserve crews' Boat Race; but since we had taken half their rightful men it was not surprising they were on their way to defeat, albeit a narrow one. We carried the Oxford Boat down to

As each man came out, I wished him a the water and Albert held her steady as plan. Lean on Cambridge early, and use

down tight, and I went quietly along the crew giving them a final word of encouragement, the last time I could speak to them before the start. "Give 'em hell, Hugh." "You're a key man here Tom. Make it a good one." A side-fist punch on the arm for Donald. "Make that 6 seat work!" "Have a great race Gavin. Keep 'em at it." "Stay sharp, Paul." "Okay Andy? Remember the

the corners." By now there are thousands of people

on both banks of the river, which has been sealed off to traffic. An enormous cheer goes up as Oxford pull out into the

us now. Can the Oxford no-hopers possibly pull this off? The launch Bosporus eases into the bank to pick me up. Against all my old superstitions - since I reckon we don't have a chance anyway - I smuggle Ruth.

white socks

slam into

boards

stream. The television cameras are

whirring. The eyes of the world are upon

passengers are officially allowed. As I climb aboard I can hear shouts of "Tough luck Dan, old son. Maybe next Someone yells, "You might as well

man of the stroke seat. Only twelve

have stayed in the boathouse, Topolski." I join the other coaches in the bow of the Oxford launch, a space in the front reserved among Hugh Matheson, Steve Royle, John Pilgrim-Morris and Michael Barry. I give the thumbs-up sign and a wry smile to Bert. And someone asks: "How are they, Dan?" I grin and shrug: "As well as can be expected. But this

could turn out to be horrible!" Dr Barry comments: "Well, at least we have a crew on the water, which at one point looked extremely doubtful. From where we came from that is an achieve-

omehow Oxford are holding Cambridge at bay, racing through this windswept rough water with a kind of unflinching desperation, but the Light Blues hit back with a vengeance matching us stroke for stroke as we head up towards the Mile Post. We're back in exposed water again here, and once more both crews are slamming into the waves. Hugh Pelham, up in the how, is getting souked to the skin with water pouring into his eyes: but nothing puts him off his stroke; he never misses a beat.

The two boats are still locked together, but Oxford are now miraculously ahead by over half-a-

Up ahead Andy can see the wind-shadow he knows awaits us, and he continues to drive Cambridge back across the river even though they have an overlap. Movnihan cannot put up with this for lone because we are now in neutral water, he grabs his white flag, and for the first time issues a warning to the Dark Blues. "Oxford return to your water," and pointing his flag towards Middlesex he shouts again: "Move over

We coaches are delimous at this dreamlike race, some laughing in disheliel. "Well, our three minutes is up." I say. "That was what we came for They've done everything I asked." We are all still resigned to eventual defeat but nevertheless enjoying the present experience hugely. However, out on the water, the crew have anything but defeat on their

Lobbenberg steers over a fractun, but right then Cambridge

launch their biggest attack. Paddy Broughton forces the rate up to thirty-six in a desperate bid to defend his Surrey water. If they can only hit Oxford, caught over here on their side of the river, they could force a disqualification. Wolfson, the Light Blue cox is urging his tiring men to yet another effort, driving them up inside the battling Oxford crew. They gain a foot, then another. and another. Now they have a

shoulder, sees Cambridge are on him and exining.

Very calmly he says: "Okay boys, this is it. The big Oxford push to Harrods." And once more he calls in time to the rhythm of Gavin's powerful strokes: "In-three! ... in-

IWO! . . . ITI-

With a superhuman effort, Gavin, Tom, Donald and the crew, their oars bending almost to breaking point, virtually pick up the boat, and fling it forward like a missile. As they do so the Cambridge effort begins to disintegrate. their stroke growing shorter and more laboured as they fight to keep those light plastic oars under control, forcing them back into the wind for every catch. On the seventeenth stroke of the Oxford push we have nearly two-thirds of a length of clear water, and I swing round to the others in the Oxford launch. "It's the oars!" I beliew,

four-foot overlap, and Andy glances over his left

one! . . . Now go!" And eight pairs of white Oxford rowing socks slam into the stretcher boards.

Cambridge seem to falter on the

sixth stroke of their effort and imperceptibly Broughton's challenge begins to fade as their rating drops, first to thirty-four and then to thirty-two. This proud and talented crew are, for the moment, rendered impotent by the harsh, rough conditions, and the equipment with which they have chosen to do battle. Increduiously I glance across at

Gavin. His head is

leaning to one side

at every stroke, but

he still has Oxford

firing along at

thirty-five, and be-

hind him the boys

form, their co-

their way towards

"It's those bloody plastic oars.

They're killing Cambridge off."

'Be filled with the will to win. Take are following in fine what belongs hesion getting bet-ter the further they to you' go, as they fight

Hammersmith Bridge Hell, I've never seen them rowing so well. They are opening up a lead of nearly two lengths and for the first time I'm thinking they might actually get away with it. They are all very tired now, but Andy is holding them together well: "Keep those finishes buried and sit back. Hands down and away! Coming up to the bridge and it's rough

again up ahead." Always cautious, I still think Cambridge have the strength and the brilliance to launch another attack, and I am by no means certain that we can repel if it they do. I can see how weary Oxford are, only a third of the way through this battle for supremacy. and it is with mounting horror

that I see the Light Blues begin to agony of his aching arms, and harden their stroke as Oxford drive towards the left-hand side of

the centre arch. A great cheer goes up from the crowd as the Dark Blues shoot the bridge seven seconds ahead. As they burst through with a good punchy racing stride of thirty-four, the crowds on the other side can't believe their eyes. It is as if mass hallucination has conjured up a ghost the rank underdogs come powering underneath them holding a lead of nearly two lengths.

"It's Oxford!" A yell of disbelief erupts when they catch sight of Pelham's Dark Blue blade. Lobbenberg steers hard left for the Surrey side close to the crowds and Donald is startled to hear people clearly shouting "Come on Donald, you can do it." from the bank. They are calling out his name, cheering and chanting: "Mac-Donald, Mac-Donald, Mac-Donald, Mac-Donald." A brand new, rather shy British hero is being born.

Now Cambridge are attacking again, blazing through the bridge with all guns firing. With tremendous courage and resilience they quickly slice half-a-length off our lead, driving a line for the Surrey bank, on our inside. Suddenly they are within a length of the overlap which will allow them to push us back out across the river. They are matching our rating, and with every stroke they seem to be gaining a bit more. Haven't Oxford seen them? They're going to

ert caucht! Donald shoulds first: "They're coming back!" Cadoux-Hudson. realizing the danger, roars: "Go go - go!" In front of him Gavin reaches out once more, beyond the accelerates the oar through the water. They are all hurting now, but somehow they match Gavin's

long deep action. The pain in their thighs and backs is excruciating as they dig deep for something extra. This is what all that endurance training through the winter was for. This is why everyone in the squad had to give 110 per cent, why no one could shirk. This race is indeed unlike any other in the world.

looks agonized, their mouths flying Eight pairs of open as they lean back into the stroke. Their hair lies matted, flattened by sweat and the stretcher spray. They are not yet halfway and Cambridge are closing fast. The lactic

The whole crew

acid is throbbing into their joints. Shoulder muscles are crying "No more!" But now Lobbenberg is calling for another effort.

"Come on, Oxford! Answer them ... give me ten ... right now . . . in one! . . . go!" Cadoux-Hudson's head jerks back as he follows Gavin into the stroke. I can see Donald's oar bending into an arc as he follows the two giants in front of him, And now Gavin's head tucks down onto his right shoulder - the position he always adopts when he's digging deep for the will to ignore the pain.

On my stopwatch they are at thirty-five, and at this pace I am not sure how much longer they can take it. Because this is not a boat race any longer. This is a

decides it is when one crew finds

Suzy and our baby on board together with Chris Davidge, the famous iron

prizefight on the river, and it has Oxford again in a few years time. come down to raw courage. Who but not until the rebels were all has the hunger? Who wants it finally gone. For now I was most? And although there is resolved to sit back and enjoy one of the greatest Dark Blue triumphs always a special private nobility about such a contest, what finally in history.

Up along the island they rowed, past Chiswick Steps and round the suddenly that it has nothing more corner. Stewart still had the rate up at thirty-four although they Cambridge's last desperate push were a good three lengths ahead beyond Hammersmith was full of And they looked good; damned good. At Barnes Bridge they valour, in a race where valour is a common virtue. But the first mile had hurt them badly, and when stepped it up for a grandstand finish and all along the river people were shouting, "Oxford!" and "Well done, Donald." "Ter-Oxford hit back, when they answered that final urgent demand rific row, Donald!" They went from Lobbenberg. past the four-mile mark with three-and-a-half lengths to spare that was just too much for the Light and came through the last 374 Blues. They caved yards at a fierce finishing pace. storming over the line four lengths clear of the favourites. in, the fight drain-

As the Dark Blue boat drifted under the bridge, I saw a sight I have never before witnessed after a Boat Race. A lone figure was standing up in the Oxford Boat balancing like a statue on the two wooden stays which run just beneath the saxboards inside the boat. His mighty arms were raised upwards to the sky, and his face stared in ecstasy into the heavens beyond. It might have been a demonstration of brute strength, or even a display of massive triumph - the bold stance of the victor. But for a few brief shining moments, Donald Macdonald was alone with his God.

These are extracts from True Blue. by Daniel Topolski with Patrick Robinson, recently published in paperback by Bantam Books

#### **YACHTING**

## Putting safety at sea first

By Barry Pickthall

The Royal Ocean Racine Club. in conjunction with The Linux, is to hold a national Safety 91 Sea Conterence for yachtsmen at Central Hall, Westminster on

April 21 The conference follows the initiative taken by The Times and the RORC in setting up a Salety at Sea commune of experts, headed by Alan Green, the face difector of the RORC to answer the concerns exproceed by meny thippers.

The committee includes the round-the-world vachtsmen. Robin Knex-Johnston and Chay Blyth, together with 13r Richard Allan, director of the Army Personnel Besearch Latbag, agustodare i se terminista the basiguest I at the content and the Royal's achting Assocration il has been responsible for developing and testing several man-overheard location and recovery systems which have

since saved the lives of three crewmen during the Whithread Round the World Race. "The conference follows sev-

eral fatal and near-fatal man-overheard incidents around our own crusts and has been called to give both racing and cruising jachtsmen a greater awareness of safety measures, and emergency proceedures." Green said The day-king programme mcludes presentations by His th on Surviving salely in brasy weather," an analysis by the expenenced American yachtsman and author, John Rossmanere, of effort and other lactors that lead to sating accidents, and a fecture by Square Munito, one of fintain's most accomplished foredrck hands, on crew

routines and techniques. In addition, Jerry Robinson, skipper of the fastner entry. Hayley's Dream, and his crew-man, John West, will recount their nightmare when West tell overboard during the 1959 race, while Cdr Peter Linstead-Smith, the Royal Navy's fleet meterrologist, will present a practical punte to the approaching signs of had weather

Dr Allan, the Miniatry of Defener aufentist who has led the research programme corned out tescated programme carried out doring the past year by The Time/RORC Safety at Sea Commutee, will present two papers One highlights protection. tion against hypothermia and recent advances mode in off-share clothing designs, the secand presentation covers the latest man-overteend location and recovery systems developed and lested by the committee.

Admission is by ligher only, priced at £25 (which includes tunch), available from Safet) at Sea Conference, Royal Ocean Racing Club, 20 St James's Place, London, SWIA INN.

#### Fifth finisher confirms French superiority

By Malcolm McKeag

The arrival in Les Sables d'Olanne this week of Pierre Follenfam, in TBS-Charente Maritime, brought the number of finishers so far in the Globe Challenge single-handed nonaway from the mainstream de-sign rules. Boats like these will be in the next Whitbread Round man round the world race to five, and effectively wrapped up

the record breaking.
Follenfant completed his cirruminavigation in 114 days Even in fifth place, the time was well inside the previous world's best - before this race - of 125 days. The next competitor, Alam Gantier, is still 2,400 mues from home.

The now-famous five Trionan Lamazou, who won in 109 days, Loick Peyron, Jean-Luc van den Heede. Philippe Jeantot and Follentant - have not only demonstrated how firmly the world of long-disrance, short-handed sailing is dominated by France, but, even more importantly, how effective and seaworthy are the 60-foot monohulls that have evolved around this sort of ocean racing,

the World Race.
It has been a splendid adventure. Thirteen set out last
November the five finishers did so without serious misadven-ture. Gautier, who leads the three remaining in the race, was the first of those who stumbled on the way. His Generali Concorde suffered gear failure, including having her Argos satellite reporting beacon swept off the deck in the Southern Ocean. Three others retired, and three more are completing the course unofficially, having been forced **FISHING** 

## Aspersions on inventions

ing away from their

seemed to be float-

ing out from the

tired bodies.

shadow of

Hammersmith Bridge into

brighter weather. I looked back

down the racecourse to the black

clouds which still hung over

Putney, the scene of so much of

my despair during the past

months. For me they were sym-

bolic of the black mood which had

hung over the Boat Club for so long. The light beyond the bridge

now promised that we would

break through into paradise, and

all I could see was Oxford rowing

strongly away along Chiswick Reach, well clear of a Cambridge

crew that could not find it in

themselves to come back at them

again. At least not today, they

wouldn't. And I was suddenly free.

Perhaps I would return to coach

And now

By Conrad Voss Bark

Some years ago, the Americans introduced a fishing vest which had many pockets to hold tackle instead of the tackle being carried in a fishing bag. It was

Perhans it was, in one sense, new, for it was a vest or a waistcoast designed to hold tackle, but if you like to call it a fishing apron, then it was by no means new. A gentleman called by a pen-name. The North Country Angler, used an apron with large pockets to hold his fishing tackle as long ago as

There was quite a fuss some years back about a new English invention in fly dressing, the attachment of small beads at the head of a reservoir lure to suggest eyes. Jolly imitations of small fry, minnows and perch, were vastly improved by the additions of eyes which made

them irresistible to trout. There were no reservoir lures

in the 18th century, but the dragon fly imitations used for salmon fishing had bead eyes which were said to be infallible attractors. They were not infallible, of course, for nothing in the world, eyes or no eyes, will the world, eyes or no eyes, will persuade a salmon to take something if he does not feel like

It might also be worth mentioning that dry fly fishing that is fishing a floating fly — is not particularly new either. They tried it as long ago as the mid-1600s by tying slips of cork under the body of the fly to make it float. They were hard put to it to fish it upstream, unless the wind was with them, but they could fish it across and down and still find it on top of the water. We had to wait until

something really new - the

heavy braided dressed silk lines in and around 1870s - before they could be cast against the

As for fishermen's knots, they are constantly being rediscovered. When I first fished Blagdon Lake in or around 1930, we used a knot called the Double Twist to tie on our gur casts for our files. Forty years later, it was re-invented and is now known by what seems. now known by what seems to me a rather unpleasant name of The Grinner.

I mention such things not to denigrate invention, merely to be suspicious of articles such as be suspicious of articles such as those I saw a couple of weeks ago in a fishing magazine about a new way to fish a nymph. It was, in fact, a very old way. The truth is that our fathers knew a great deal more about fly fishing than we are sometimes inclined to believe.

## Ramsdens land spectacular gamble Concello poised to

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Yorkshire stable landed the long-distance Cystic Fibrosis first major gamble of the new Research Cup, backers were season when Alan Munro on the mark in preferring drove Daring Times to a head victory in the Shaftesbury easy winner, Barrish." Stakes at Doncaster yesterday.

Laid at 33-1 in the morning, the bookmaker-owned fiveyear-old eventually started at Cheltenham, beaten a total favourite at 5-1, and the of three lengths. And Richard winning connections had evcry reason to be grateful for sent the 9-4 favourite canter-Munro's inspired strength in a ing into the lead over a furlong desperate finish as the 23year-old apprentice lost his right to claim the 31b

Jack Ramsden, the trainer's husband, is a fearless punter book. Afterwards, he castigated the bookmakers for advertised prices. "They are a Silver Jubilee Handicap. lot of whingeing window dressers," he said. "I certainly didn't get 33-1, but I managed to have a bit on at 16-1."

However, John Thompson, ante-post manager of cannon bone in Ireland last Ladbrokes, the only firm to offer 33-1 in the morning, countered strongly. "They want to get up earlier in the morning. We certainly laid 33-1 in our credit offices and also 25-1, 20-1 and 16-1."

In a last-minute move, Mrs Ramsden had switched Munro from Arbory Street to the winner, putting Mark Giles on the outsider, who finished out of the first 15. "It to ride Arbory Street as he is a hard puller."

Daring Times is owned by the well-known rails book-maker, Colin Webster. "We bought him out of Clive Brittain's stable in the autumn

for 12,500 guineas." The trainer went on: "He had lost his form, but he has been working really well this spring. Toby Watson, our sistant trainer, who has been riding him in his work, weighs 13st 10lb, so we thought he had got a bit of a chance with

9st 2lb today." The punters were shouting their heads off with glee throughout another gloriously

Lynda Ramsden's astute sunny afternoon And in the Lucky Verdict to Thursday's

Martin Pipe's four-year-old had finished fifth in last Thursday's Triumph Hurdle Hills made no mistake as he from home for a comfortable four lengths win from Barrish.

The heady cocktail of gambling success continued when Pat Eddery had his third winner of the meeting on and a noted judge of the form Barrys Gamble, whose price was forced from 8-1 to 9-2 favouritism before an easy having failed to lay their 11/2-length win in the C F

> Two seasons ago Barrys Gamble won the Windsor Castle Stakes at Royal Ascot for Tommy Fairhurst. "He got a hairline fracture of the season," said the trainer. "He's been working really well and the handicapper had dropped him 12lb."

> The fourth favourite of the afternoon was successful when Mark Birch won the South Yorkshire Maiden Stakes on Pod's Daughter.

However, earlier the punt-ers had their only serious reverse of the day when Smokey Native, the 11-10 was a bit of a mix-up," she favourite for the Regal Hotel said. "I'd always wanted Mark Maiden Stakes, had been comfavourite for the Regal Hotel prehensively beaten by the Barry Hills-trained Lord Of

> This was the first victory of the season for Hills, whose negotiations with Robert Sangster over Manton had been so much in the news this week. "Tve got one of the nicest lots of three-year-olds I have ever had this season," said the trainer. "And this colt has been working particularly

For this afternoon's competitive Lincoln Handicap I am going for Terminator to continue the punters' luck at the meeting.



The Princess Royal, riding her own chaser Canon Class, negotiates the last safely on her way to fourth place in the Paul Croncher Memorial Trophy at Newbury yesterday, won by the Kim Bailey-trained Man O'Magic

## Emotional victory for Bailey

Newbury was the scene of an motional victory yesterday when Kim Bailey saddled Man O' Magic to win the Paul Croucher Memorial Trophy. Croucher, killed two years ago in a road accident, had previously ridden Man O' Magic to success and Bailey had laid the nine-year-old specially out for

yesterday's race.

Sam Da Vinci, who led for most of the second circuit, kicked for home at the cross fence. But Man O' Magic, the 6-5 on favourite, was relishing the fast ground and took it up after the left to prin he to be the best to prin he to the left. the last to win by two lengths. Bailey, feeling the emotion of the moment, said: "This has given me more satisfaction than any win I have ever had. It's totally through Paul that this horse is what he is."

Man O'Magic was providing started off the 100-30 joint his quarter," Balding said. "He's Mark Perrett with his first favourites, but Peter Piper sound now, and we will swim winner since missing the pulled up, looking lame, before the second last. Bailey later outlined am-

bitious plans for his winner.
"He's entered for the Martell
Cup. If he comes out of this all right he may run at Liverpool. And depending on the weights And depending on the weights he gets, he may go for the Irish National or the Whitbread." The Lambourn trainer also had good news of his Grand National candidate, Mr Frisk "He's very well. I'm just praying

The Princess Royal, riding

Canon Class, completed the course safely to finish fourth. The day started off badly for favourite backers in the Alvescot Novices Hurdle. Munjarid and Peter Piper

the second last.

A mistake at the last by the

leader, Tiber River, seemed to hand the advantage to Muniarid, trained by Toby Balding But he was caught on the run-in by his stable compan-ion Theo's Fella, a 25-1 chance, who was brought with a well-timed late burst by Richard Guest to win by a short head.

After greeting his 29th winner of the scason, Balding unveiled his Aintree plans. "Bishops Yarn did a good bit of work this morning and, ground allowing, will run in the National."

Beech Road, who finished fourth in the Champion Hurdle, has been on the easy list since.
"He pulled a muscle high up in

Sandeman Hurdle. If Beech Road doesn't ran, Morley Street will deputize."

Richard Rowe must regard

Newbury as his lucky track. Last month, he won the Tote Gold Trophy on Deep Sensation at the Berkshire course, and when Kissinger captured the Delby Services Chase he was breaking a losing sequence of 53 for Rowe, who commented: "I needed that more than anything. I thought I had forgotten how to

The Newbury going was rid-ing fast and Josh Gifford warned that if there was no overnight rain he may well withdraw all his 10 runners from today's

## recoup losses in Times qualifier

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

After falling at the last fence when close behind the useful hunter chaser Nijanna, Concello was a disappointing favourite next time out, finishing only fourth in a maiden at Dalston. In the first of two Times Championship qualifiers at the Duke of Buccleuch point-topoint today, he has the opportunity to make amends at the expense of the Corbridge maiden winner, Mill Knock. On the next appearance of

in front of him when runner-up in a restricted race. On that showing he may be good enough for division two where Paravel and Le Bush are the likely dangers.
Tom McCarthy will be hoping

for overnight rain to case the going for Falside in the Times qualifier at the Tickham. Only three-quarters of a length behind unree-quarters of a tength benind the dual winner Frene Hogan at Tweseldown, Falside had Brother Michael, a winner since, eight lengths further back. On firm ground, however, it may be safer to rely on Weishman's Gully, the recent Parham

This meeting has the novelty of a four-mile race, dubbed the Kent Grand National, and also a race over 2½ miles for maidens.
At the Carre, Sweet Rascal is a confident selection for the Land Rover event, but the corresponding race at the Wilton looks to be wide open with Meister, Brunico and Mischievous Monk the main

Nicola Bothway has the choice of As You Were and Skygrange in the RMC ladies at the Easton Harriers and could win on either. Similar events at the VWH and Lamerton could full to My Mellow Man and For A Lark respectively.
Vivaque has not be seen since

his victory at Erw Lon a month ago, but is the one Norman Case if starting in the Audi race at the Llandello Farmers. For the same sponsor's event at the South Hereford, Fennelly is preferred to Riverside Drive and Dingbat.

With 46 entries for the at the Weston Banwell, the winner will not be easy to find. One, however, who has been running in better company than this and who is



vorth consideration is Spring Dromin Joker and Senator Of Rome could cause backers some problems if each fulfils his engagement in the open at the Hampshire. A bigger conun-drum would be posed by Fibreguide Tech, Oakley House and The Silent Master meeting in the Meynell open.

Because of an adverse camber on one of the bends, and slippery conditions, the Harworth has been cancelled.

#### Today's meetings

Curre, Howick, 2m west of Chapstow, (1.0 start; Easton Harriers, Higham, 7rn NE of Colchester (1.30); Dute of Beanteacht, Fisra Haugh, 1m W of Katon (2.30; Green and Ratherd, Thorpe, 3m SW of Neuerical (1.30); Herspekirs, Heckwood Park, 2m 8 of Beantgatiotic (2.0), Lananton, Klworthy, 2m NE of Taylacott (1.15); Lineatete Farmers, Resolven, 5m NE of Neuerical (1.20); Hayrest & Startin, 4m (1.20); Hayrest & Startin, 4m (1.20); Hayrest & Startin, 5m On Neuerical (1.20); Hayrest & Startin, 4m (1.20); Hayrest & Startin, 5m On Hersford, (2.0); Tiotham, Desing, 2m NE of Medicatons (1.20); White, Statishgton, 2m 8 of Chronoster (1.30); Weston & Business, Neoge, 5m NE of Wells (1.0); Wilson, Radbury Rings, 5m SE of Standord (1.30).

#### Royal trophy

The Point-to-Point Owners Club meeting at Ashorne on Tuesday April 10 will stage the nursuay April 10 will stage the first running of a ladies' race for the Princess Royal Trophy, a superb bronze, by Gill Parker. Over the next few years, it is the intention of the PPOC to develop this received a manual. velop this race into a won

#### Folkestone changes

The steps of the new Tattersalls stand at Folkestone will come into use for the first time at Monday's Flat meeting. The tarmac area in front of the stand is now complete, giving racegoers and bookmakers a standing area approximately

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#### BANGOR

Selections

By Mandarin 2.0 Gentleman's Jig. 2.30 Colombiere. 3.0 Glass Lad. 4.30 Banker's Gossip. 5.0 Youzotit.

2.0 PENLEY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,304: 2m) (18

902 CHAIN SHOT 8 K White 5-11-6 A O'Hingson 1000 CREAM AND GREEN 8 K White 5-11-6 Y Smith (5) 64 GENTLEMAN'S JIG 75 J Edwards 5-11-6 T Morgan PSP HEAD LAD 7 R Passock 7-11-8

2.30 CROSS LANES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (21,898: 2m) (15) 

5-2 Colombiers, 7-2 Move About, 4-1 Stient Princess, 5-1 Fox Path, 13-2 Warriors Promise, 12-1 Nore Hill, 16-1 others.

3.0 OSWESTRY NOVICES CHASE (£3,142: 3m)

3.30 ALTHREY WOODHOUSE HANDICAP CHASE

1 5352 BALUCHI 5 (B.C.D.F.Q.S) B Presco 9-11-13...... T Wall 2 1226 MISTER FEATHERS 59 (BF.D.F.G) J King 9-10-6 4-5 Beluchi, 11-10 Mister Feethers.

40 MILES MACADAM NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,135: 2m) (9) 1 UIUS TIPTORAN SU (D,F,G) K Brid

NEARLY READY \$ (8) J Upon 7-11-5. R Supple FORWARD HARCH 78 (F) Mrs S Oliver 8-10-8 R Hystel TAMERTOWN LAD 28 (D,F) A Polts 9-10-6. SPIRITED HOUME 2 (V,S) D Williams 5-10-3

4.30 LIGHTWOOD GREEN NOVICES HURDLE (£2,178: 3m) (8)

2 OPS BROWN SMASHER 7 A James 7-11-5 ... E Tiempy (7) 3 6946 CHILEAMN 18 P Continy 5-11-5 ... E Continy 4 -P60 DWALE 7 (BF) R Ectory 5-11-5 ... S Continy 5 P236 OCEAN ROGUE 7 (8) W Clay 9-11-5 ... R Bowns (7) 6 -433 PALMER'S GOLD 208 (F) E Owen Jun 9-11-5 D Storme (8) 7 0-00 MESENGRYANTHENUM 45 A Rumony 5-11-0. D Toggs 8 80/- VICTORIA STAR 887 Miss S Witten 6-11-0 T Leech (7)

11-8 Benter's Gosto, 9-4 Petner's Gold, 5-1 Ocean Rogue, 8-1 Culleann, 10-1 Brown Smasher, 14-1 others. 5.0 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£2,108: 1m 4f) (16)

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ANNADABO 122 R Jucies 5-11-10

DANCING SPY Mrs A Howit 5-11-10

FARRIERS LAD B McMahnon 5-11-10

GROWING PHASE J Bulsowels 5-11-10

Wiled (7)

SWIFT CHARLE B Wells 5-11-10

J December (7)

WILEAN WARRIOR 21: B Proces 5-11-10

Gary Lyons (3)

Cory Lyons (3)

Phase of Eddey 5-11-5

D Chisminus (7)

A Susses (6) KARYMABY M Ecidoy 5-11-5 \_\_\_\_\_\_ D Obdashas (7)
ARSS CHEARA R Hodges 6-11-5 \_\_\_\_\_ M Flaguesid (7)
SPECIAL PARSY Mrs R Sharps 6-11-5 \_\_\_\_ M Jones (8)
LUCKACTIVE G Jones 4-11-2 \_\_\_\_ Adels Jackson (7)
TITUS ROCK M Dickinson 4-11-2 \_\_\_ Adels Jackson (7)
EASTER LABS 14 Mrs A RaicER 4-10-11 \_\_\_ J Lodder (8)
FARMER'S FUN Mrs A RaicER 4-10-11 \_\_\_ J Lodder (8)
VEX WALTZING N Smith 4-10-11 \_\_\_ G Reuse (7)
VOUGOTIT 54 R O'Lesty 4-10-11 \_\_\_ Y Statiny (7)
ZION PARK J Colston 4-10-11 \_\_\_\_ Y Statiny (7)
COUNCY T.24 Miss Children 5-1 Whish Warrice, 13-2 

TRAINERS: Mrs S Oliver, 6 winners from 26 runners, 23.1%; J Edwards, 16 from 70, 22.9%; J King, 3 from 14, 21.4%; M Edday, 5 from 25, 20.0%; F Jorden, 6 from 31, 19.4%; D Nicholaon, 4 from 25, 16.0%. Course specialists

#### NEWBURY Selections By Mandarin 1.15 Tsarella. 1.50 TREFELYN CONE (map). 3.55 Royal Borough. 2.25 Third In Line. 4.55 Ballynick. 2.55 Ivors Guest The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.25 VAULT.

Going: firm 1.15 BROWN CHAMBERLIN HANDICAP CHASE (28,076: 3m) (9

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Long handloop: Stream Bridge 9-12, The Haclenderos 9-10, Felle Na Hines 9-7, Numerate 7-6.
BETTING: 5-2 Tearelle, 7-2 Felle Na Hines, 5-1 Midnight Count, 11-2 Stream Bridge, 8-1 Course Hunter,
Fair Child, 12-1 The Haclenderos, 20-1 Pucks Piece, 68-1 Numerate. 1989: NORTON'S COM 8-10-8 R Durwoody (7-4 tex) S Griffiths 5 ren

FORM FOCUS MEMBERS COM 8-10-8 R Dunwoody (7-4 fav) S Griffishs 5 ran
FORM FOCUS MEMBERS COUNT
wheelsand 3 cut
when 291 3nd of 8 to Midnight 7 rain at Warwick (2m
44, soft). Ran CHLD showed best form on reappearance at Foliastone (3m 22, good to 5 m)
when ridden out to best Golden Minstrel
3.TSARELLA made most, but westened quickly to
be 151 3nd of 8 to Warmer's End at Lelcester (2m 44,
good).

Selection: FEELE MA HINSE

1.50 HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE FINAL (Limited handicap: £7,298: 2m 4f 120yd) (13 runners)

6054 TOCHENICA 15 (R Minior-Price) Mrs J. Croft 6-10-0... F-4465P RARE LUCK 21 (Mrs D Hammarson) P Jones 7-10-0... 6020-90 AIR STREAK 74 (87) (J. Phillips) A J. Wilson 5-10-0... Long handicap: Tochenica 9-12, Flare Luck 9-8, Air Stresk 9-4.

BETTING: 5-4 Tratelyn Cone, 11-2 On The Hooch, 8-1 Brenthill Roels, 10-1 Verilate, 12-1 Purple Stir, tupid Cupid, 14-1 Reach Me Down, 16-1 Graynose Double, 20-1 Church Letp, 25-1 others. 1989: NORTHERN JUNGS 6-10-3 S Sherwood (8-1) O Sherwood 20 ran

FORM FOCUS TREPELYN COME completed a fiver-timer when making all to very easily best Arctic listing when making all to very easily best Arctic listing when the properties of 2.25 RACING POST NOVICES CHASERS SERIES FINAL HANDICAP

(£7,385: 2m 4f) (13 runners) Long handlespt Never A Penny 9-11, Power Punch 9-9, Printer 9-8, Fishing Smack 9-1, Clares Own 9-0, Busted Spring 8-11.

SETTING: 5-2 Okestee, 5-1 Splitthedifference, 6-1 Third in Line, 7-1 Sword Beach, 8-1 Elite Boy, 10-1 Trigocht Charlis, 12-1 Power Punch, 14-1 Regardless, 16-1 Never A Penny, 20-1 others.

1988: NO CORRESPONDING RACE FORM FOCUS THRD IN LINE was best Chocken 8! at Sedgefield (2m 4t, good); earlier ran on to best Kansel 3! at Sedgefield (2m 4t, good). List 12! at Edinburgh (2m 4t, good). OKEETEE made most to best POWER PUNCH (20b bester off) 5! at Sedgefield (2m 4t, good) with PRINTER (9b better off) 5! at weep in 4th. Sendown (2m 4f 68yd, good to firm).

SWORD BEACH stayed on strongly on the run-in to 1 Selection: POWER PUNCH

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405		MARCHMAN 91 (M McBride) J King 5-11-7	i
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425	7	PRINE WARDEN 85 (Dr G Maden Motern) J Pitch-Hoyes 4-11-0 Date McKeows	
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!	BETTING	3-1 Norm Guest, 6-1 Murphy's Man, 7-1 Goodshot Flich, 8-1 Society Guest, 10-1 Song (	•
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		1980: METAMEE 5-11-2 M Richards (25-1) M Francis 25 ran	
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501	33(1	SWIFT WATERS 14 (D.F.S) (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Piessen 11-10	M Plines. #2
502	12233	COE 42 (D,G) (M Blackburn) R Alphurst 11-8	L Hervey 18
503	25422	DEADLY CHARM 40 (BF) (Mrs A Device) D Nicholson 11-7	M Dwyer 80
504	<b>\$10</b>	NEW APPRANGEMENT 2F (D,Q) (R Billingsley) J Jenkins 11-6	S Smith Eccles 80
505		AS GOOD AS GOLD 57 (CD,G) (S Mason) G Balding 11-5	
506	216	CARMAGNOLE 77 (P) (Mrs M Watson-Smyth) G Herwood 11-5	M Perrett 61
507	014645	STAR OF THE GLEN 22 (CD,G) (K Orrell) C Horgen 11-1	
508	476	VAULT 14 (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 10-11	M. Richards @ 50
509	1801	SOFTLY 43 gp.JF) (T Frost) P Hobbs 10-9	Peter Hobbs #6
510	34831	IBLAND JETSETTER 15 (D,Q) (P Green) M H Easterby 10-9	L. Wreer 35
611	455	BEST EFFORT 63 (R Miquel) R Holder 10-4	
512	355220	KOWZA 44 (V Guy) Mrs A Knight 10-1	G Kolobe 77
518	20224	HOBBY 29 (BF) (Woodstow Antique Ltd) J Fitch-Heyes 10-0	Dale McKeeum 86
514	37443	PARKSHREDE 75 (A Kinghorn) C Horgen 10-0	
		Scar: Parkhyride 9-6.	
	SETTENCE	7-2 Swift Waters, 4-1 Vault, 5-1 Cos, 6-1 Carmagnole, 10-1 Star (	Of The Glen, 12-1 Island

ier: 14-1 Best Effort, Deedly Charm, 16-1 As Good As Gold, New Arrangement, 20-1 other

3.55 FINAL NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: \$2,582: 2m 100yd) (21 runners) S FINAL NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: 22,582: 2m 100yd) (21 ru
ARSCRIST 828F (A Blackmore) A Blackmore 5-11-7

O CELTIC KING 16 (P Byrne) B Curley 6-11-7

POSPF HAPPY HOSINS 8 (CARCIOSE Farming Ltd) N Henderson 6-11-7

34 MUSCLETON 16 (M Kingsley) D Esworts 5-11-7

85 PARADISE PARK 39 (Paratix Tapes Ltd) J Gifford 6-11-7

PP PRING HERSORES 6 (R King) P Felden 5-11-7

402 NOVAL BOROUGH 28 (8P) (Lord Chelees) Miss H Kright 5-11-7

SEE YOU ANON 963F (C White) C White 6-11-7

60 STREDING EDGE 19 (Mrs. B Spring) J, Jerikhas 5-11-7

8 SULL BOY 12 (Ars. M Caine) Miss B Sanders 5-11-7

9 SULL BOY 12 (Ars. M Caine) Miss B Sanders 5-11-7

9 SUPER SENSE 27 (Mass N Hughes) J Gifford 5-11-7

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9 SUBSTEIN GUN 90 (C Wacker R) S Christien 5-11-7

2 WESTEIN GUN 90 (C Wacker R) S Christien 5-11-7

8282 CARELES KISS 19 (F Wilson) A Moore 6-11-2

9 SECRET POUR 65 (Ars. J Sturjis) R Akahurut 4-11-0

42 HOPMET FOR GLORY 22 (BF) (Shebt Michammed) D Nicholson 4
9 SECRET POUR 65 (Ars. J Sturjis) R Akahurut 4-11-0

43 TOP VILLAN 70 (H Josh) A Turnell 4-11-0

8 SECRET POUR 65 (Ars. J Sturjis) R Akahurut 4-11-0

4 SIGERA 28 (Ars. H Collins) P Hobbs 4-10-0

BETTING: 7-2 Hoping For Glory, 5-1 Careless Kiss, 6-1 Stuff Boy, 8-1 Miss King 13-11 Silvers 14-11 Victor STUR 15-11 Silvers 14-11 . R Rowe K Mooney #4 .. G Moore # 98 .. M Dayer BETTING: 7-2 Hoping For Glory, 5-1 Careless Kies, 5-1 Suli Boy, 8-1 Muscieton, 10-1 Royal Borough, Calic King, 12-1 Silvera, 14-1 Vodka Fizz, 18-1 Top Villain, 20-1 others.

4.30 SPRING NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Div E £1,360: 2m 100yd) (19 runners) ..... Mrs () Grissoff . W McFarland (3) ....... R Wilson (7) LISALEEN PRINCE (M Buckley) N Handerson 5-11-8 LERALEEN PRINCE (A Buckley) N Herderson 5-11-8.

MACENTYNE (Under Orders Recing Ptc) S Dow 5-11-8.

NORMAN CONQUEROR (Mass C O'Sulfivery) T Thomson Jones 5-11-8.

PEATY GLEN (Salehurst Paper Co Ltd) G Belding 5-11-8.

8 BUN OF CHANCE 26 (M Bryant) S Woodman 6-11-8.

3 TAGRED 21 (Mas C Alam) D Morray Smith 5-11-8.

8 THE LAST BUT ONE 21 (D Wintle) D Whitle 5-11-8.

BETTING: 9-4 Poety Glen, 9-2 Captain Dibble, 11-2 Usaleen Prince, 8-1 Tagred, Ca: 10-1 Bignor Hill, 14-1 Affect Lad, 16-1 others. 1980: PETER PIPER 5-11-1 R Milner (11-2) N Henderson 18 ran

4.55 SPRING NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Div II: £1,380; 2m 100yd) (18 runners)

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1 BALLYNICK 64 (F) PArs E Roberts) N Henderson 6-12-1

GARMOSS (B McGrath) G Baiding 5-11-8

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FLOWIT OF 8115E, Lakes 6 Elliot Lid) O Sherwood 5-11-8

R ROMANY SFLIT 14 (Art S Lockhart) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-8

SPRUCER 15 (Altorishine Lid) Mrs I McGG 5-11-8

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STRONG BEAU (Art G McGrath) D Microson 5-11-8

THE CITY MINISTREL (Mrs J Turphy) J Edwards 5-11-8

FLYING FAITH (Barones Harrel) Mrs G E Jones 5-11-3

MAYFAR NINOX (Mrs M Wilson) S Christian 8-11-3

GUESH OF 3PARTA 14 (Lady Helen Smith) M Wilkinson 5-11-8

CELTIC CATCH (J Booley) J Bossey 4-11-0

ROCHESTER (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitratin 4-11-0

TING: 5-2 Bellynick, 7-2 Rochester 6-1 The City Ministrel, 8-1 Sprucer

10-1 PROK CK . Mr E Balley (7) J Dulty (7) litr C Farrell (7) SETTRIC: 5-2 Behmick, 7-2 Rochester 6-1 The City Minstrel, 8-1 Spruber 10-1 Fight Of Steel 12 1 | SO PROME, TOP COMMA 1980: KERP HOPE ALIVE 5-11 | A P Sweeney (6-4 (av) S Curiey 17 TRA

RACELINE FULL 0898-168-168 DONCASTER NEWBURY BANGOR ON DEE HEXHAM IRISH SOCCERLINE ENGLAND V W. INDIES WILLIAM HILL, LEEDS LS1 8LB

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racehorse syndication company has a few remaining shares in its 35 share Tattersalis Tiffany syndicate at £11,750, inclusive of all Costs to November 1990. Four 2-vegr-olds trained by Luca Cumoni, William Hastings-Bass, William Jarvis and Michael Stoute.

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### **Digression in strong** demand for Derby

By Phil McLennan

Digression, impressive winner of last season's Royal Lodge favourite with Terminator but, Stakes, has been heavily backed having said that, Terminator is to win the Ever Ready Derby far and away our worst result," and is now 12-1 clear favourite Graham Sharpe, of Hills, said. and is now 12-1 clear favourite from 16-1 with the Tote. "We went 16-1 each of four ante-post." after the entries were published

been in Digression," Tim Pick-ering, the Tote's ante-post man-There's been bits and pieces for Sasaki and Be My Chief so we've kept them at 16-1 but Mukddaam has been friendless and he's been pushed out to

this week but all the interest has

Joining Nashwan's halfbrother on the 20-1 mark is Bleu De France, well supported at 25-I yesterday. Trained in France by Jean-Marie Beguigne, Bleu De France won the group three Prix Saint-Roman over nine furlongs at Longchamp in

The 2,000 Guineas gamble on Machiavellian continued to gather pace yesterday as word of a spectacular gallop at Chantilly earlier in the week spread. The François Boutin-trained colt is

now 3-1 favourite (from 7-2) with Corals and the same price (from 16-1) and Becquerel,

trimmed two pourts to 7-1

On the Grand National front Bigsun, the probable mount of Richard Dunwoody, was all the rage with Hills and is now 12-I (from 16-1). The Tote reports steady support for another Cheltenham festival winner, Call Collect, now 9-1 second favourite behind Brown Windsor, their 8-1 market leader.

Racing next week MONDAY: Leicester, Folkestone, TUESDAY: Se

WEDNESDAY: Catterick Bridge

THURSDAY: Newcastle, Taunton FRIDAY: Beverley, Plumpton, Win-SATURDAY: Ascot, Beverley, War-wick, Southwell.

(National Hunt meetings in bold type) OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Trusthouse Forts Mile, Sandown: Just A Flutter All engagements (dead): High River, Big Beer, Bluemeds, Brookmount, Beotynesion, Arose Cawaler, Egypt Mil, Superior Hawk, Prince's Drive, Fourth-Protocol, Ranat Lord, Court Fraderick, Fasses Delicity.

## Becquerel looks Charlton flier

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

runners for today's William according to plan.
Hill Lincoln Handicap over As he won first t the straight mile at Doneaster even though there were sev-eral withdrawals yesterday on account of the fast ground; most notably Vague Shot and Ottergayle, who have both finished a close second in the

race, Polyroll and Fedoria. Time alone will tell whether the draw still has a bearing. The fact remains that the winner, and more often than not the placed horses too, were drawn low (on the far side of the course) nine years out of 10 during the eighties.

Interestingly, the only occawhen the ground was almost as fast as it is now,

This time Terminator and Becquerel, the first and second favourites, have both been drawn low with Kiya, Western Wolf and Salman, the next in the betting, in the middle.

Bearing in mind the fact that he has not raced for more than two years, Terminator has been the medium of a remarkable ante-post gamble down to 7-1 from 33-1.

His connections have been always needed some give in the ground to produce his best when he was trained by Henry Candy for whom he finished third in the Cambridgeshire.

On ground as fast as it was yesterday, Terminator may be sors (5.15) and Katies First beaten by Becquerel, who is (5.45). taken to give Roger Chariton a dream start to his training the Joshua Tetley Stakes, fin-

Beckhampton recently, and above his rivals in the

By Mandarin

2.30 Godscharm.

3.05 Mill Pond.

3.40 Becquerel.

4.15 Magic Ana. 4.45 Mac's Fighter. 5.15 Golden Scissors.

5.45 Katies First.

Going: good to firm

6 (1) 7 (3) 8 (6) 9 (1))

There is still a maximum of 25 his preparation has gone As he won first time out last season, Becquerel is clearly a horse who comes to hand easily. He is also a winner over a mile on fast ground.

On a point of handicapping, he could also have been let in on the light side with only 8st 6lb. For his second run at Newmarket last season made him out to be about as good as thefilly Awayed, who came out 4lb inferior to today's top weight, Upward Trend, in two races in Ireland. Yet Upward Trend has to give Becquerel

Salman, Midfielder, On My sion that the winner came Merits, Kiya, Western Wolf, from a high draw was in 1982 Inishpour and Vauroy are others who have won over today's distance when it has been firm.

On the book there should be little between Salman and Western Wolf, but I find it disconcerting that the latter broke a blood vessel when sent

Fact Finder, the winner of the race 12 months ago, is most unlikely to find the going agreeable this time.

No matter how Becquerel praying for rain because he fares, it is still hard to escape the view that his rider, the champion jockey Pat Eddery, should enjoy another profitable afternoon by winning on Mill Pond (3.5), Mac's Fighter (4.45), Golden Scis-

Mill Pond, my selection for ished fifth in last year's Derby I saw Becquerel looking while the Wokingham winner sleek and well in his box at Mac's Fighter looks a cut

DONCASTER

Selections

By Michael Seely

3.40 TERMINATOR. 4.45 Mac's Fighter. 5.45 Swagman.

Guide to our in-line racecard

Received number. Draw in brackets, Sto-figure term (F - fell, F - pulled up. U - unseeted rider.

8 - brought down, S - stoped up. R - returned.

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9 - dequatined). Horse's name. Days since last outlet if yound to firm, hard, G - good to firm, hard, G - good to set, heavy). Owner in testing: I tr jumps, F if that, (B - benefits a point of the processes. Trainer, Age and weight, Rider verset. D - distance where, CD - course and Handicapper's rating.

Draw: 51, high numbers best; 1m straight, low numbers best

BETTERO: 3-4 Beyond Our Reach, 3-1 South Crafty, 4-1 Abso, Dennemen, 7-1 Godscharm, 10-1 Birling

1989: WATERPIELD 5-8-13 Pat Eddery (4-1) P Walwyn 6 ran

FORM FOCUS ARTIC ENVOY 154 after the winner's disqualification, on penutimate start in this event race a year ago. CHARDMER 454 and 754 Ain to Assatis in Group I events at San Stro (im 49, Mil.) FORD feet until well over 11 but on find in Light Of Morr in fisted event at Newmarket start in Group II event at Legal Case in Group II over the Legal Cas

Course specialists

BETTING: 2-1 MB Pond, 11-4 Charmer, 3-1 Atteal, 7-2 Artic Envoy, 33-1 Kovelevskie.

3.40 WILLIAM HILL LINCOLN HANDICAP (£47,990: 1m) (25 runners)

RUNNERS AND RIDERS SEE ABOVE

1968: LONG GLEN 9-0 M Roberts (5-1) R Boss 10 ran

2.30 EBF GREY FRIARS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,469: 51) (12 runners)

ABBO (P Onver) R Hemon 9-0.

BEE NIVE HELL (G Ferndon) Ron Thompson 9-0.

BEYOND OUR REACH (J Clayton) J Serry 9-0.

BEYOND ASHEE (AITS G Germs) R Studie 9-0.

DANNESSAN (M Serger) R Boss 9-0.

DON'T GIVE UP (R Benoet) R Beenett 9-0.

PLASS VALE (C Newton Jin Ltd) T Feithunk 9-0.

LAST STRAW (Lasy Laighton) A Jones 9-0.
SOUTH CROFTY (P Bonner) W O'Gormen 9EASTER TERM (I Hope 19 H Holder 5-...
DODSCHARM (M Strain) M Bittain 8-9...
LINKERS (F Process) R Stable 6-6...

3.5 JOSHUA TETLEY STAKES (£13,810: 1m 4f) (5 runners)

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CO,8F,F,Q,S) (Mrs D Robinson) S Hell 9-10-0 ....

of dominating again

By Our Newmarket

Correspondent

4.15 Little Big. 4.45 NUCLEON (nap).

Deen McKeevin

..... I Control --..... R Coctrons --..... Per Eddary --...... N Adams --...... A Moroar ---

S Webster

A Musero (3)

W Carreos

2.30 Danneman.

3.05 Charmer. 3.40 Rose Glen.

5.45 Iksab.



hurdling at Kempton last The Jimmy Fitzgerald-trained Terminator, seen winning at York last season, has been the month.

Subject of a substantial ante-post gamble for today's Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster

to reserve her best for Newbury while Third In Line,

my choice for the final of the

Racing Post Novices' Chase

series, will relish both the

Brooks status quo

ground and the distance.

Haan taking the rides."

1989: TYRNPPY 3-8-10 M Wigham (7-1) M British 13 ran

4.45 CAMMIDGE TROPHY (Listed race: £14,750: 6f) (8 runners)

20124- SAVAHRA SOUND 133 (D.F.Q.S) (A Budge Ltd) R Hannon 5-9-9.

1989: SELVER FLING 4-9-5 J Matthias (2-1 fav) I Balding 10 ran

FORM FOCUS SAVAHRA SOUND RESTORE 3%1 3rd to Conwyn Bay on penultimate start in Estad race at The Curragh (61, good). 
12 2nd to Alquoz in Group III event at San Siro (71. CRAFT EXPRESS did well to reach the trame in

yield).

GREEN'S CANALETTO creditable 5/1 5th to Chunthy's Fivourite on penulstrate start in Group til event at Ascot (81, good to firm) previously good to Stationies in State event at Docision (81, good to firm); previously good to the MAC'S FIGHTER won valuable Ascot levent at Ascot (81, good to firm); previously good to the MAC'S FIGHTER won valuable Ascot and the Stationies in State event at Docision (81, good to firm) and Newbury in October, on the former course %13rd to Lugara Beach, MAC'S FIGHTER won valuable Ascot testing (81, good to firm) and Newbury in October, on the former course %13rd to Chunthy's Firm of the firm of the

5.15 MARCH MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£2,060: 1m 6f 127yd) (9

1982: RUM CAY 4-8-11 M Birth (11-1) R Curtis 20 ran

5.45 DONCASTER EXHIBITION CENTRE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,490: 7f) (9

BETTING: 2-1 Kebes First, 11-4 Swagman, 4-1 King Arpro, 6-1 Kesab, 7-1 Miss Tatking, 10-1 others. 1988: ROSE GLEN 3-8-8 J Culon (14-1) A Bailey 19 ran

KATIES FIRST (R Cox) G Levils 8-9 ..... MISS TATTING (P Principant) C Wall 8-9 ...

Blinkered first time

DONGASTER: 3.40 Rose Glen. 5.15 Mytor.

4.15 MAIL ON SUNDAY SERIES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,077: 71) (18

801412- PUFFY 147 (C.F.Q.S) (P Savil) M W Easterby 9-7 11-1111 ORCHARD COURT 21 (D.F) (S Woodell) T Barron 9-7 051234- EA-YEMOU 225 (F) (Minning Post Racing Ltd) C Alien 9-3 40-1 LITTLE BIG 14 (L. James) R Boss 8-13

BETTING: 3-1 Little Big. 9-2 Beachy Glen, 5-1 Our Vision, 6-1 Orchard Court, 13-2 Telegraph Celigiri, 8-1

Cammidge Trophy for which the Brown Chamberlin Deltic breaks his trainer Bill O'Gorman also Handicap Chase, has tended saddles the useful ex-French to reserve her best for colt Nucleon, who has been winning on the all-weather

For the day's best bet, though, I look no further than Trefelyn Cone, who is napped to win the Hoechst Panacur EBF Mares Only Novices Hurdle final at Newbury even with 12 stone on her back.

Having won two point-topoints last season, three National Hunt flat races and two hurdle races this term, she looks exactly the sort capable

Tsarella, my selection for

## course record

runners)

Deltic broke the course record when winning the Longmynd Novices' Hurdle at Ludlow

yesterday.

Making virtually all the running. Deltic was never in the slightest danger and cruised to a Charlie Brooks has quashed five-length success over Mohammed El-Sahn. rumours that he will be employ-ing a new stable jockey next Deltic's time of 3min 33.1sec beat the previous best set up by year. At Newbury yesterday, Brooks said: "It will be the same Honeyman in 1986 by nine tenths of a second.

arrangement as this season, with Peter Scudamore and Ben de The Martin Pipe-trained winner. Peter Scudamore's only ride of the day, is one of five horses owned by the 12-member syndicate, Pond House Racing.

K Darley

#### BETTING: 7-1 Terminator, 8-1 Secqueral, 10-1 Kiya, Western Wolf, 12-1 Salman, Steepline Fantasy, Sylvan Tempest, 14-1 Upward Trend, Midfielder, Fact Finder, 16-1 Breezed Well, Villanika, On My Merit, 20-1 Rose Glen, Inishpour, Northern Printer, 25-1 others. 1989: FACT FINDER 5-7-9 T Williams (20-1) R Akehurst 25 ran Form guide to the 25 contenders

**UPWARD TREND** Oct 8, Longchamo, good to soft: (8-11) 254 8th to Athyka (9-4) (1m 11 56yd, group II, 244,381, 15 ran). Sep 10, The Curragh, good: (8-7) beat Awayed (8-7) 2I (1m, group III, 214,425, 5 rann, Aug 25, Phoenbx Park, ylekting: (3-0) beet Summer Senate (8-10) a neck (1m 11, listed, 29,252, 5 ran). KIYA BECQUEREL Aug 24, York, good to firm: see INISHPOUR. Jul 13, Newmerket, good: (8-12) 5% 4th to Awayed (7-13) with MIDFELDER (8-8) 71 9th (1m, h'cap, £15,660, 14 ran). Jun 17, York, good to firm: (9-0) best Taraho (9-0) 1%i (1m, mdn, £5,254, 9 ran). EVICHSTAR

**BREEZED WELL** 

BREEZED WELL
Jen 18, Lingfield (AW), standard: (9-7) 211
5th to Rapportur (7-7) (1m 2t, h'cap,
22,924, 8 ran).
Dec 14, Lingfield (AW), standard: (9-8) 41
2nd to Jacamar (8-7) with VANROY (8-13)
15 kil 8th and ROSSE GLEN (9-8) 41 11th
(1m, h'cap, 22,976, 12 ran).
Dec 1, Southwell (AW), standard: (9-7) 11
2nd to Sappho Comet (9-13) with
EVICHSTAR (9-1) 1/43 and ROSSE GLEN
(9-10) 1/4 4th (7/1, h'cap, 22,976, 14 ran).
Nov 4, Newmariata, good to soft: (9-1) 44
5th to Two Left Feet (8-1) with SYLVAN
TEMPEST (9-8) 11/4 6th (71, 25,790, 21
ran).

FORM FOCUS PUFFY caught close norm in Newcastie hard of the form in Newcastie hard country (71, good) when a sk 2 mt to 1 Higher Hamilt with ORCHARD COURT (11b worse off) 111 it an and SNGNA DETECTIVE 12h.

ORCHARD COURT has emjoyed excellent all weather campaign at Southwell, recording exith successive victory with shd delegt of TELEGRAPH CALLORN, (1b better off).

ELA-YEMOU creditate 3%1 3rd to Dorset Duke on Selection: ELA-YEMOU Apr 15, Newbury, good to soft: (8-7) 131
11th to Ottergayle (8-11) (1im, h'cap, 57,876, 21 ran).
Apr 1, Doncastar, good: (7-8) beat Ottergayle (8-0) a neck with NORTHERN PRINTER (7-12) 41 10th (1im, h'cap, 24,453, 25 ran).
Oct 8, 1988, Ascot, good to soft: (9-0) beat No Jazz (8-8) 11 (1im, app, 24,025, 9 ran).

SALMAN Oct 25, Edinburgh, good to firm: (9-1) beat Ghathantar (9-6) 21 (1m, grad, 22,638, 14 Craft Express will only non if there is overnight cals:
 SETTING: 9-4 Green's Canaletto, 3-1 Mac's Fighter, 4-1 Craft Express, 11-2 Access Travel, 7-1 Savahra Sound, 10-1 Restore. Seo 20, Bevarley, firm: see WESTERN WOLF. Jul 6, Haydock, firm: see MISS SARAJANE.

> Nov 19, Leopardstown, yielding to soft: (8-8) 9th to Milleu (8-13) (71, listed, £8,650, 17 Nov 4, Newmarket, good to soft see BREEZED WELL. Oct 28, Newbury, soft (9-1) unplaced behind Anthony Loretto (8-0) (6f, h'cap, 29,260, 27 ran). Sep 30, Ascot, good to firm; sei SLEEPLINE FANTASY.

SYLVAN TEMPEST

MIDFIELDER Jul 13, Newmarket, good: see RECOURREL BECQUEREL Jun 23, Ascot, firm: (8-10) 71 10th to Polar Boy (8-8) (1m, h'cap, 212,238, 18 ran). May 20, Newbury, good to firm: (8-12) best Ack Va Vits (8-0) 2'xl (1m, h'cap, 25,322, 20 ran). ROSE GLEN

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...... M Hills
...... L Dettori
...... S Perks

Ped Eddery
Pet Eddery

M Hile

Dec 14, Lingfield (AW), standard: see BREEZED WELL Dec 1, Southwell (AW), standard: see BRIDEZED WELL MARCROFT

Oct 10, Redcar, firm: (9-7) 8½1 8th to Daleside Ledybird (7-12) (81, h'cap, 23,156, 7 ran). Oct 6, Newmarket, good to firm: (6-12) 11th to Sonitia (8-8) (81, h'cap, £7,895, 13 Sep 22, Ayr. soft: (9-2) 21/H 2nd to Silk. Penal (8-12) (71, £3,915, 9 ran).

ON MY MERIT Jul 22, Newmerket, good to firm: (8-8) 12: 8th to Poler Boy (9-7) (1m, lim troup, 221,967, 10 ren).

Aug 25, Newcastle, good to firm: see EVICHSTAR. Aug 12. Ripon, good to firm: (9-7) best Prefabricate (8-9) %i with CLASSIC SUITE (8-3) 10%i Sth (fire, hrcap, 23,366, 15 ran). Jul 29. Thirst, firm: (9-7) 2%i 3nt to Yearsley (9-6) (fire, hrcap, 23,850, 5 ran).

**BIG-RACE FIELD** 

3.40 WILLIAM HILL LINCOLN HANDICAP (£47,990: 1m str) (25

(Yellow, rad seams, red cap, yellow spots)

20 (17) 20600-4 NORTHERN PRINTER 21 (F,G) (Oaklea Bloodstock Ltd) M O'Nell 5-7-7 J Fortune (5)

(Emerald green, royal blue hoop & sleeves, white cap)

21 (20) 424220- VILANIKA 182 (W Gredley) C Brittain 4-7-7 GB Bardwell

(Yellow, black & yellow striped sleeves, white cap)

22 (16) 516040- SLEEPLINE FANTASY 149 (D,F,G,S) (Sleepline Holdings) R Holder 5-7-7 A Mackay

Long handicap: Inishpour 7-6, Eurodolfar 7-6, Javert 7-5, Here He Comes 7-5, Classic Suite 7-4, North-em Printer 7-4, Vilanika 7-3, Sleepline Fantasy 7-3, Just Jennings 6-12, Miss Sarajane 6-11, Vanroy 6-11.

Nov 4, Newmarket, good to soft: (8-3) 6%1 4th to Secretary Of States (8-5) (7m 1f, hrosp, 215,400, 17 ran). Oct 14, Ascot, good to firm: see KIYA.
Sep 29, Ascot, good to firm: (8-1) best
VILANIKA (8-00) a short head (1m, h'cap,
£11,696, 7 ran).

Len 16, Southwell (AW), standard: (10-0) 5%17th to Bromse Cross (9-5) (7f, h'csp., 22,678, 11 ran). Jan 11, Southwell (AW), standard: (10-2) neck 2nd to Irish Passage (8-5) with MSSS SARAJAME (8-2) 121 9th (1m, h'csp., 22,751, 13 ran). Jan 1, Southwell (AW), standard: (8-12) best Jacamar (8-12) (1m, h'csp., 22,742, 6 ran).

Dec 1, Southwell (AW), standard: see BREEZED WELL Aug 28, Newcestle, good to firm: (9-10) 3'ki 3rd to Geceir (8-8) with ON MY MERIT (9-8) 9th (1m, htcsp. 28,025, 11 ran). Aug 3, Pontetract, firm: see MISHPOUR. Jul 6, Haydock, firm: see MISS SARAJANE.

Oct 17, 1987, Newmarket, good to soft (9-10) unpisced behand Docksider (9-5) (1m 21, app h'cap, £5,482, 17 ran). Oct 3, 1987, Newmarkst, first (8-1) % 3rd to Baithus (8-1) (1m 1f, h'cap, £43,900, 31

Sep 19, 1987, Newbury, soft: (8-3) 1/2 2nd to Shabib (8-4) (1m 2f, h'cap, £20,553, 9 WESTERN WOLF

Oct 28, Newbury, soft see MORTHERN PRINTER Oct 14, Ascot, good to firm: see SLEEPLINE FANTASY. Sep 28, Ascot, good to firm: (9-0) beat MORTHERN PRINTER (8-10) %: (1m, h'cap, £10,010, 8 ran). Sep 20, Beverley, firm: (9-9) beat SALMAN (9-7) head (1m 100yd, h'cap, £3,395, 18 ran).

INISHPOUR Sep 2, Haydock, good to soft see SLEEPLINE FANTASY. SLEP-LINE FAMASY.
Aug 24, York, good to firm: (9-1) 91 8th to
Known Ranger (9-4) with BECQUEREL (9-3) 8th (1m, h'cap, £20,875, 16 ran).
Aug 3, Pontefract, firm: (10-0) 21 3rd to
Hard As Iron (9-1t) with EVICHISTAR (9-11) 254 5th (1m, h'cap, £3,863, 7 ran).

EURODOLLAR Nov 4, 1988, Doncaster, good to firm: (8-5) %I 2nd to Super Luner (7-10) (7f, fr cap, £2,136, 21 ran). Ac., 130, £1 tatij.

3rt 15 Skolern (8-0) with MSS SARAJANE
(8-1) 15th (7f, h'cap, £7,387, 24 ran).

Oct 8, 1988, Ascot, good to soft (8-0) 121
10th to El Rey (8-12) (1m, h'cap, £8,207,
12 ran).

**JAVERT** May 12. Beverley, good: (9-6) 5% Ath to Sandicilifie Star (8-6) (1m 100yd, mdn, £1,510, 11 ran). Apr 19. Postafract, soft: (8-06) 12! 7th to Lazaz (8-11) (1m 2f, £3,518, 11 ran). Nov 3 1987, Laicester, soft: (9-0) 11 2nd to Count Nulin (9-0) (1m, mdn, £1,087, 18 ran).

HERE HE COMES Mar 22, Doncaster, good to firm: (8-13) 7% 7th to Elmayer (6-13) (1m 2t 50yd, mdn, £2,060, 23 ram).

CLASSIC SUITE Oct 26, Newbury, soft see NORTH Sep 1, Haydock, good to soft: (8-8) beet Liftey Reef (8-2) 21 (1m 40yd, claim, 23,616, 16 ran). Aug 12, Ripon, good to firm: see ON MY MERIT. **NORTHERN PRINTER** 

NORT HEMRY PYON LEX

Mar 3, Southwell (AW), standard: (9-9) 2%1
4th to Langary Lady (9-8) (1m, hrcsp.
22,488, 13 ran).

Oct 26, Newbury, soft: (8-4) 61 7th to
Seymore (8-7) with SLEEP LINE FANTASY
(8-4) 234 12th and WESTERN WOLF (8-11), BREEZED WELL (8-10) and CLASSIC
SUITE (7-13) further in erreers (1m, hrcsp.
28,063, 27 ran).

Oct 19, Newmarket, good to firm: (8-9) 4%1
8th to Joveworth (9-3) (7f, hrcsp. 28,805,
20 ran).

Sep 28, Ascot, good to firm: see

Sep 28, Ascot, good to lim: see WESTERN WOLF. Sep 2, Haydock, good to soft see SLEEPLINE FANTASY.

Apr 1. Doncaster, good: see FACT FINDER.
VILANIKA

Oct 13, Ason, good to him: (6-71) 9th to Princess Accord (6-11) (1m, listed, £11,843, 10 ran). Sep 29, Ascot, good to firm: see KUYA. Sep 21, Lingfield, good to firm: (8-0) 21 2nd to Lucky Flinders (8-7) (7† 140yd, h'csp, £4,068, 17 ran). SLEEPLINE FANTASY

Oct 26, Newbury, soft: see NORTHERN PRINTER. PRINTER.
Oct 14, Ascot, good to firm: (8-10) 4%1 4th to Aradu (8-5) with WESTERN WOLF (8-4) 11th and KIYA (8-9) 13th (1m, b'cap, £11,109, 16 ran).
Sep 30, Ascot, good to firm: (8-2) 13l 10th to Rumun (8-4) with SYLVAN TEMPEST (9-3) 17th (7f, h'cap, £49,831, 17 ran).
Sep 2, Haydock, good to soft: (8-11) 3%1 6th to Positive Attitude (8-4) with MORTH-ERN PRINTER (8-11) 1%1 6th and MESHPOUR (8-13) 12th (1m 40yd, h'cap, £2,265, 16 ran).

JUST JENNINGS Mar 10, Lingfield (AW), standard: (8-12) 13| 8th to Bronze Cross (71, claim, £2,700, 16 ran).
Mar 1, Lingfield (AW), standard: (8-11) 1½|
Bith to Measter Tyke (8-4) (7t, claim, 22,553,
16 ran).
Dard S. Southwell (AW), standard: (8-4) 1½|
Bard to The Shanehan Bay (8-13) (6t, claim,
52,285, 12 ran).

MISS SARAJANE Jan 11, Southwell (AW), standard: see EVICHSTAR.

nan). 545 (m. 2, 115sp. 23,678, 17 nan). 54 (8, Haydock, firm: (8-4) %1 3rd to Rambo's Hail (9-7) with EviCHSTAR (9-11)11th and SALMAN (8-6) 12th (1m 40)d, h'cap, £4,175, 17 nan). Oct 13 1985, New EURODOLLAR VANROY

Dec 14, Lingfield (AW), standard: see BREEZED WELL.

Minezed WELL.

Nov 30, Lingfield (AW), standard: (8-5)
best Tauber (8-12) short head (1m, h'cap,
£2,963, 11 ran).

Nov 23, Lingfield (AW), standard: (8-3) 18i
8th to Vite Vice (8-11) (1m 2f, h'cap,
£3,068, 14 ran).

### Moore in action at Doncaster

By Christopher Goolding

Gary Moore, currently awaiting further charges by the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club concerning race-fixing, has two ndes today at Doncaster for Paul Kelleway.

Yesterday morning, Moore rode work for Michael Jarvis on Newmarket Heath, where he partnered Victory Piper for the owner Antonio Balzannı. Moore, the seven times cham-

mon jockey in Hong Kong is now retained by Balzarini to ride in Italy, where he is now

At Donessier today, Kelleway expects Moore to go close on Artic Envoy in the Joshua Telley Stakes. Moore also partners Swagman in the concluding Exhibition Centre Stakes. Moore, who was arrested in February 1986, has just lost his appeal seeking an injunction Maint the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club, carrying out fur-ther proceedings against him. Another inquiry is expected

faced with 71 being-related

## Results from yesterday's three meetings Mugwump (pu), 20 Ravensdale Road (1), 25 Junac (6th), 33 Leningrad, 50 Arena Auction (pu), Clyffe Haze, 12 ran, 51, 251, 71, dist, dist, M Oliver at Drollwich, Totac 54,55; 22,00, 214,90, 21,80, DF; \$425,20, CSF; £182,40,

(CIDITALS)

#### Doncaster

W Carson B Rouse Pat Eddery R Cochrane N Day R Hets

256222. 2m 12.30s.

2.36 (1m) 1, LORD OF TURMORE (M. 12m, 6-1); 2, Smokey Master (J. Reid, 11-10 tay); 3, Riviers Stagle (G. Carter, 15-2); ALSO (RAN: 17-2 Jebes (Sm), 9 Mantrald san), Pycholey Ngrin (Sm), 12 Great Mil. 16 Farst Vintage, Hudson Bay Trader, Knos. 20 Showmanning, Kingsley, 33 Beaucotas Norweau, General Meeding, Lembton Led, Storm Jd. 16 nn. NR: Guset Right, Prefishe, 11, 11, 14, 12 % Jh 31 Hds at Martin, Total C7 70; E2-00, E1-30, E2-30. DF, RISO CSF: E12-76, 1m 40,43s.

2.06 (1m) 1, DARSHO TRIES (A Munro.)

C3.70, C1 GU. UF. E13-0. COT. ALTONOMY.
Tricast S51.47. 3m S3.03s.
4.10 (Si) 1, BARRYS GAMBLE (Pat Eddery, 9-2 tay), 2, J Cheever Loophole (G Duffeld, 6-1; 3, Joe Soppica (W Newnes, 8-1) ALSO RAN: 13-2 Size Berry (St), Rebosst, 10 Erris Express. 72 Size Captain (40), Farmer Jock, 14 Demson, 16 Denham Green, 33 Heemee, 13 rac. Mill. Selledan Kragni, 151, bi, 3, Inc. 151, T Farmert et Matchelam. Tota: E3.20, E2.00, £2.20, £3.10 DF: £21.80, £3.71, Tricast £155.57, Im 01.98s.
4.40 (Si) 1, POD'S DAUGHTER (M Barch, 5-4 Irn.), 2 Musical Lyrice (J Carris, 5-2; Miller Katanga (T Caurn. 2-1), ALSO RAN. 9 Chesses Monning (4m) 4 ran, 3, 5, 28; C Trisur et Majron. Tota: £2.50, DF: £1.80, CSF, £4.79, Im 03.31s. There was no bid for the werner.

Rides Per cent 218 17.9 28 14.3 168 14.3 162 14.2 53 11.3 105 10.5

Parapet £147.79.

Newbury Geingr good: straight, good to Sim

2.15 (2m 4) 100/d hole) 1. THEO'S

FULLA IR Guest, 25-11. 2. Manipand IJ
Frost, 100-30 g-lev), 3. Tiber River IB on
Hass, 6-11. ALSO RAN: 100-30-2-2v Paise
Piper [pul, 5 CRy Kd, 6 Spirit Of Karra, 14
Ryton Run, 18 Telematics (pul) 20
Tanged Strain (801), 25 Colorad Office
(5m, 33 Bool Guerra (pul, Cefts, Lord (pul)
50 Gengools, Good Hayer (42), 54 Rec (n)
(pul, Met Saxbon, Spiritery Light (pul)
Toping Tim (pul) 19 ran. Mrt. Best Smile
ah hd, 21-4, 101, 13, B. G. Baston; at Fythad
Tota, £47 80. £4 49 £7.80, £7.50. DF.
ES2.18 CSF: £103.13.
2.44 (7m 21 82-45 ch) 1, MAN O'MARGE

General Chendon (Mr. J. Brachums, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 tav Chever Folly (5th), 5 Barmer, 13-2 Gee-A (8th), 25 Mayre (4th), 7 tan, Ott. 4, rik, 1%, rik, bit. Andrew Turnell at East Hendred, Toke 23-30; 52-00, 52-50, DF: 55-60, CSF: 513-31. 22.00, 22.50. DF: 25.60. CSF: 213.31.
3.50 (2m 4! 120yd hofle) 1, LOAMBOOME 6, Hervey, 8-11 tayl: 2, Alamote Coder (Gee Armyange, 25-1): 3, Gorse Hunter (Peter Hobbs, 8-1), ALSO RAIL: 5-2 Clear House (409), 9 Sevenno (501), 25 Kingstriope Riyer (f), Cosen Link (f), 7 sa. Nr. Beg Occes, Equally Better, Outdoor, Small Coder, 100, 25 Kingstriope Riyer (f), Cosen Link (f), 7 sa. Nr. Beg Occes, Equally Better, Outdoor, Small Coder, 100, 20 Kingstriope Riyer (f), Cosen Link (f), 7 sa. Nr. Beg Occes, Equally Better, Outdoor, Small Coder, 100, 20 Kingstriope, Riyer (F), 25 CSF: 177.28 Dorver (7-2) was writtened, Ruse 4 deduction of 20p in £.
4.20 (2m 4f cm) 1, HELLO STEVE (B de Ham, 2-1 f-fan), 2 La Lad Insease (A Tor., 5-2); 3, Gay Quanear (M Richards, 2-1 f-fan), ALSO RAIL (1-2 General Base (4m), 4 rs. NR: The Humble Tiller, Timely Star, Bardgers Mesc), Dor 1 Tell Rum, 12 20, 71. C Brooks at Lambourn, Total 22.20, DF: 12-30. CSF: 16-78. CSF: £182.40,
2.50 (2m 5t hdle) 1, PIFTH ATTEMET (O
Gallegher, 4-1); 2, Record Flight (R Beggen, 5-2 tay); 3, Flasmone (A Charlon, 41), ALSO RAN: 5 James (pu), 8 Firth Of
Form (pu), 10 Wayward Singer (4th), 33
Ume London (5th), 7 rat, NR: Trenar Led.
154, 304, 34, 41. P Feligate at Melton
Mowbray, Tota: ESD.00; £2.10, 52.40, DF;
£1.90, CSF: £12.98, Tricast: £32.11.
3.0 (ERC) 1, 501 FRAMCEL AD (Mars. C

4.50 (2m 100/d hdle) 1, JUBAIL (R Supple, 4-1) 2, Foolbr (S Dewes, 15-8 Inv. 3 Wooder Bee (P Holley, 3-1) 7 ran. 5: 12, K Morgan at Meson Mowbray, 7cmr El 90, 21-50, 21-50, DF: 24-70, CSF: 211-45, Trocest E2-22. Jacktoot: 033,578,40. Physiopat ETSLJE.

Geleg: Briss
1.20 (2m.pde) 2, DELTIC (P Scutismore, 1-2 tary, 2. Hohammed E-Sahn (D Byriss, 16-15; 3. Early Breaza (G McCourt, 12-11, ALSO RAN: 7-2 Ferrysmen (Hr), 50 Crange Warr (Sth), Chehrotti Rader (Sth), Hope Briss (Both, Vous) Link, 68 Lindy Buse Singer (pu), 150 Persent Lind, 500 Demond Boy, 12 ran. 5, 8, 4, 14 Pape at Wellington, Tole: 21.40; 51.21, 92.50, \$1.50. DF: \$22.70. CSF: 52.27.

What A Wally, suffering no ill effects from his fall at Chepstow

low yesterday.

Striking the front at the last fence, What A Wally was kept up to his task by Jamie Railton and scored by five lengths from

#### Selections By Mandarin 1.30 Ben Tirran. 2.5 Lake Valentina. 2.40 Renshaw Wood. 3.10 Black Spur. 3.40 Moment Of Truth, 4.10 Starjestic. 1.30 WALWICK MAIDEN HURDLE(21,360: 2m) (9 1 30-2 SEN THERAN 210 Mrs S Lemyman 6-11-5. D Teller (7) 2 DF/ SLOCHD 685 Mrs G Skopson 12-11-5. Mrs G Skopson 3 -003 STAGS FELL 90 Moore 5-11-5. Mrs G Skopson 4 50 WILL COWAN 9 Moore 5-11-5. STEEPE 5 P00 COOL DI 15 T Rebenis 5-11-0. Mr S Swices 6 000F FEL FOLLA 9 R Swices 6-11-0. Mr S Swices 7 D-F LIDERMAN 83 J Walrasby 5-11-0. T Reed 8 8504 MOORFIELD LADY 9 B Widness 6-11-0. L O'Here (5) 9 -206 RUTH'S STAR 140 C Beever 7-11-0. S McGRIF (2) 13-8 Ben Tirren, 9-4 Moorfield Lady, 4-1 Stage Feil, 12-1 Will Cowan, 14-1 Fill Folia, 18-1 Ruth's Star. 2.05 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,486: 3m) (10) 1 POPP EARL HANSEL 16 (F,S) R Woodhouse 9-11-8

HEXHAM

2 2501 LAKE VALENTINA 9 (CD.F.O.S) J Select 9-11-3 3 00F0 BAY CHASER 9 W Storey 7-10-10 Mrs S Select
4 FFU0 BORDER OAK 7 J Charton 8-10-10 Mrs M Soorey
5 0400 GELANSONE 15 Mrs M Kendal 8-10-10 Mrs M Kendal
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9 54-P EDENBURT 64 Miss A Albin 12-10-5... JO'G 6-4 Lake Valentins, 9-2 Melsonby, 8-1 Edenburt, Borde Oak, 10-1 Earl Hansel, The Burleyman, 14-1 Muck Or Money. 240 SANDHOE NOVICES HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,360; 3m) (9) 1 3P10 HEY RAWLEY 50 (0) Mrs G Reveloy 5-12-1

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11-4 Kersil, 10-3 Lightwater Again, 9-2 Impage, 6-1 Szerjestic, 6-1 Ground Mester, 12-1 Tavern Time, 14-1 Sidvic. Course specialists TRAINGER: G Moore, 22 winners from 80 runners, 86.7%; N Tinder, 3 trom 10.30.0%; Retary Respende, 8 from 32, 25.0%; R Woodhouse, 4 from 21, 19.0%; P Montetth, 9 from 63, 17.0%; W A Stephenson, 42 from 256, 16.4%; JOCKEYS: D Notes, 10 winners from 54 rides, 18.5%; D Byrne, 4 from 22, 18.2%; Mr K Johnson, 3 from 18, 18.7%; S Turner, 7 from 45, 15.6%; G Brackey, 3 from 20, 15.0%; J K Kinane, 5 from 42, 11.5%.

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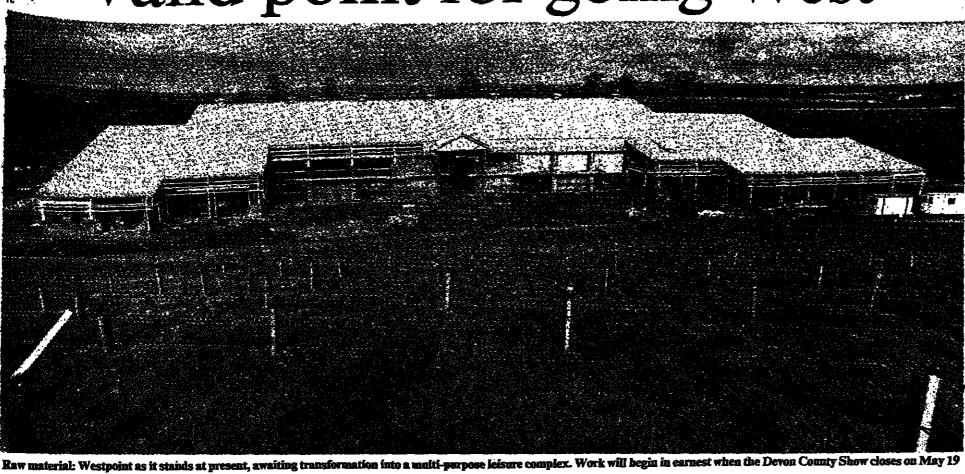
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last week, won his first race under Rules when landing the Bitterley Novices' Chase at Lud-

3.0 (3m ch) 1, 101.FRANCES LAD (Mas C Thomas, 8-4); 2, Cute Ryme (Mr S Brook-shaw, 7-2); 3. Thethlendiyberber (Mr H Morgan-Jones, 7-1); ALSO RAM: 11-8 fav-light Safe (4m), 40 Roderick Anthony (pu), 5 ran. 20, 8t, 1½1. Mrs S Johnson at Madley, Tota: 24.00; 21.80, 21.80, DF: 21.50, CSF: 29.49.

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Exeter, will never be the same again. It has to make a difference to any village if you iron out a prominent bump on the Earth's crust, plant 5,000 trees and shrubs on a 150-acre site, leave room for 12,000 cars, build a hall covering almost 5,000 square metres of pillar-free space (plus auxiliary areas), and invite the world to move in and

The place will be known as Westpoint: one word, as distinct from the name of the United States military academy. The fashion for fusing words raises awful possibilitites. Could we, one day, be reading football reports appraising the goodpoints and badpoints of matches between Westbromwich and Westham? Today's whiz-kids, marketing experts included, have done the English language no

Another oddity is that Westpoint will open and close during the same week. The 95th Devon County Show will be held there from May 17 to 19, but after that we must wait until 1991 before the main hall jumps into the fixture list for exhibitions, concerts, conferences, and a variety of local and national

Chris Cullen, the chief executive of Westpoint's owners, the Devon County Agricultural Association,

explains: "The minute the show closes, the builders will move back on site. We shall be enhancing the building. There's considerable work to be done in the service areas loos, restaurants, bars, kitchens."

Next year, the main arena will be seats, 3,400 of them tiered. Filling the seats may be a challenge, because other than Exeter, the Torbay area and Plymouth, the next heavily populated area in that direction is probably Miami.

On the other hand, Cullen points

out: "We don't compete with the NEC or Earls Court, because we're not on the same scale. But we have done everything to produce a high quality centre and apparently we are already being respected as one of the primary exhibition areas in the

"We needed a larger building for our agricultural show. That dictated the floor space required. So what else could we use it for, throughout the year? We kept broadening the concept further and further. What did the South West need? What was going to be beneficial to Devon as a whole? That's why we've got the support of the local authorities. And the message has got across to the

The estimated cost of Westpoint is £5 million. The money comes from donations (local authorities and a private gift), the Agricultural



Association's 3,700 members, and loans. Cullen considers that about 75 per cent of future income will come from rental, the rest from catering and other concessions, and that exhibitions and concerts should be particularly good for business.

We have been told that because of the catchment area for drawing crowds, it will be that much more difficult to get major sports events. But in the South West there has never before been such an ideal, purpose-built facility for sport. It's about time the South West was put on the map for major attractions.

"Way back, when we were talking about what we were going to do in this building, we were keen to be involved in sporting activities. The Sports Council was willing to give us a grant of £150,000 to put in a hydraulic running track. But on consideration we felt that to put in such a track would restrict other uses of what is very much a multipurpose hall. We're keen to have athletics on a temporary basis, for training and practice. We could easily mark out the floor in running lanes, or for the long jump or

ike Sertin, formerly the Lawn Tennis Association's events and tournaments director, is joint managing director of Westpoint's marketing agents. His first sporting objective is to organize a sponsor for an annual, regionally televised, six-a-side indoor football tournament featuring eight clubs in or Bournemouth, Bristol City and Rovers, Exeter City, Plymouth Argyle, Swindon Town, Torquay

nited, and Yeovil Town. "The other indoor events we have been looking at," Sertin says, "are badminton, hockey, cricket, basketball, volleyball, and fencing. I would like to put on a tennis exhibition, but it would be difficult to get a sponsor to put up a lot of money. There are also possibilitites for indoor bowls and - outside - a golf driving range, motor car time trials

(not racing), and riding. "The building is very large," Cullen says, "but architecturally we have tried to make it fit into the countryside and I think we've achieved that. There will be an avenue of trees leading to the building, and trees will be planted round the car park. People can come here at any time during the year, find it rather nice, and feel welcome.

"Everything we have done in creating our show ground is multi-purpose. We are part of the countryside but we've got to be commercial. In those terms you're only really looking at 200 to 250 days a year on which you can sensibly market the site as a whole. So you still have 100 to 150-odd days when you can invite people from the area to come

Westpoint is a three-minute drive from the M5 and five minutes from the airport. Originally conceived as a huge, up-market location for the expanding cattle and agricultural show, it has been radically refined into an attractive and in some ways unique rendezvous for the business and pleasure industries.

Traditionally, county shows bring the country into town. Westpoint will do that — and in its wider role will also bring town into country. Moreover, when heading in that direction one would rather linger in Exeter and its environs than rush on to Miami. In Exeter there is little need for anti-mugging precautions and a working knowledge of Spanish. And cider is on tap.

## Celtics are ready to lead Oldham's season of success

They do not play on plastic, or even grass for that matter, but it is on the composition floor of wood and concrete at Oldham Sports Centre that yet another team from the Lancashire town is prostnering. They are less until

the London Arena.

Like his counterparts at level, back from whence it had come.

Boundary Park, and the Watersheddings.

O'Donnell the club chairman, is at a loss to explain why Oldham should have become a accordingly after their sponsors centre of such sporting magnification.

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"Sadly we have not generated." manchester clubs. "But this profit-making. We are involved town cares passionately about sport," he says. "There's not a lot of other things to get excited about in Oldham."

It has been mark.

is prospering. They are less well known than Oldham Athletic and Oldham rugby league club. but no less successful.

The pinnacle of the scason for the Oldham Coltical bastantal.

The pinnacle of the season for the Oldham Celtics basketball team should be around ten-time first season and opted out team should be around ten-time within a few weeks of their title-winning triumph in the League, which they substitle-winning triumph in the sequently won. It was the kind of thing that could only happen in British basketball, and in the process, the club found its true level back from whence it had

is at a loss to explain why makin, and accordingly after their sponsors centre of such sporting magnificence. "Maybe it's the water we drink," he says.

Celtics survived when all celtics survived when

town, O'Donnell also has to any money through our succept that his team's lot is to play in the shadow of the bigger ware not in the business of Manchester clubs. "But this profit-making. We are involved

sport, he says. "There's not a tion of basketball."

It has been with a nucleus of local players, among them, Floyd Barrett, the older brother of Earl, Athletic's centre half, that Celtics have made their mark. Success may not have come quite on the scale of that expected from O'Donnell's revered Boston Celtics – from whom he borrowed the appendage – but then, everything in

### Moore bad news for final hopefuls

have resolved their internal dispute with Joel Moore can only be bad for their opponents in the Coca-Cola National Cup finals at the London Arena this weekend (Nicholas Harling

Without Moore, who felt the club was not doing enough to guarantee his fitness - he may need operations on both knees in the summer - Kingston still won at Manchester and Sunder-land last weekend to secure the

land last weekend to secure the Carlsberg League title.

With the England playmaker back to help Alton Byrd in the back court, it will need a superlative performance to deny them their fourth trophy of the season. Bracknell, the holders and their opponents in the second semi-final tonight, have beaten Kingston twice in seven meetings this season, but have songeled ever since they were humbled by 32 points at home

our game," Jim Guymon, the Bracknell coach, admits.

Sunderland have doubts about Clyde Vaughan, who has a sore ankle, but should still be too good in the first semi-final for Derby. Craig Lynch, the Sunderland coach, is reluctant to look forward to a possible with Kingston, but says: "If it is anything like the two games we have had with them recently, basketball will be the winner."

Like Lynch, Ron Whitehead, the Derby coach, is adamant that the event is not a foregone conclusion. "Kingston are a great offensive team, but not a great defensive team." he says. "Sure, they can be beaten."

Much as Whitehead would like to prove his point, the ankle injuries impeding himself and Tim Lascelles are likely to have humbled by 32 points at home their say in preventing Derby's by Sunderland, three weeks ago.

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Court of Appeal

Law Report March 24 1990

Queen's Bench Divisional Court

## Master's power to make cargo salvage contract

Centrale and Another v Alexander Tsavliris & Sons Maritime Co and Others (The Choko Star)

Refore Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice

[Judgment March 16] While it might be preferable to have a rule giving a ship's master a wide authority, such as that in article 6 of the International Convention on Salvage 1989, [under which a master had authority to conclude contracts for salvage operations on behalf of the owner of property on board] such rule was not at present part of English law.

in the instant case it had been common ground that there was no English authority which di-rectly supported the implication of a term in a contract of carriage giving a shipowner or master the power to bind cargo owners to a salvage contract

trary authority it was considered that the court should be very slow to introduce a new general category of implied term into as of carriage, not dependent on the requirements osiness efficacy or the actual or resumed intention of the parties, it would not suffice that the

The Court of Appeal so stated in allowing an appeal from Mr Justice Sheen who on April 13,

#### **Relevant facts** in entry clearance

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Kandiya Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Khan was sufficient in primary

purpose cases for an adjudiin determining an application for entry clearance menter the United Kingdom as a fiance of a person settled here. io indicate that he had taken Elevant factors into considtion but it was unnecessary for that adjudicator to isolate or nemise every piece of evidence The Court of Appeal (Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, vice Chancellor, Lord Justice Taylor and Lord Justice hion) so held on March 20 Staughton, sing the appeals of when dismissing the appeals of which dismissing the appeals of which dismissing the appeals of b Khan, heard together, stice Simon Brown on April 1989 and of Mr Justice Roch. 25. 1989 and of the assure Koch.
on May 22 1989, respectively.
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of a ship had implied actual authority, and therefore ostenable contracts with salvors on reasonable terms and that a contract made in writing on May 30, 1986, between the master of the Choko Star and the first defendants' salvage officer, on a Lloyds Standard Form of Salvage Agreement (LOF), in circumstances in vhich the first defendant salvors did not know that any better terms were available from other potential salvors was a reasonable contract on reasonable terms: but that if better terms were in fact available to the master it might not have been a reasonable contract for him to plaintiff cargo owners' action. Mr Anthony Clarke, QC and Miss Vasanti Selvaratnam for the cargo owners, Mr John Willmer, QC and Miss Sarah Miller for the salvors.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that the appellant plaintiffs were the owners of cargo shipped on board the vessel Choko Star. On May 27, 1986 the vessel went aground in the

proceed on her voyage her master sought assistance. On May 30, 1986 he signed a LOF

#### Estimate of tax on taxi driver Adams v Hanson (Inspector of

isfied by a statment by a taxi driver of his income and expenditure and not convinced of his having an income from gam-bling, were entitled to confirm an estimated assessment to Schedule D income tax raised on him for 1988-89 in an amount of £8,000.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in the Chancery Division on March 16 dismissing an appeal by Mr Roland Adams from a determination of Bromley gen-

HIS LORDSHIP said that it was difficult for laymen to appreciate that it was not the function of the High Court to review findings of fact by commissioners. There was no foundation for Mr Adams' contention that the commis-sioners had to have erred in law. The Crown argued that tax inspectors dealt with a vast number of taxpayers and the Revenue's resources did not extend to a detailed scrutiny of

every one.

Possibly in previous years Mr
Adams had been lucky; but
In the there was no ground for interfering with the determination for

denied the master's authority to contract on their behalf they accepted, and had throughout accepted, or conceded, that if the salvage services of the of the salvors, without agreeing any special terms, the cargo owners would have been liable to pay their due proportion of any salvage award made under the

The cargo owners com-menced proceedings, claiming, inter alia, that they were not so

It being at all times accepted (i) that the cargo owners had given no authority to the shipowners or master to enter into salvage contracts on reasonable terms on their behalf (ii) that the do so in circumstances giving if so in what other circum-stances the owner and master would have any such authority. The starting point of the cargo

owners' argument was that it had been accepted law for a century or thereabouts that unless in a particular case a term giving authority was expressed or could be implied in the contract of carriage, neither shipowners nor the master had authority to bind cargo owners save in circumstances which created an assency of necessity. save in circumstances which created an agency of necessity. Mr Justice Sheen had ob-served that that contention re-

ceived support from the authors law of salvage. More importantly perhaps, it received support from a number of decided cases: The Onward ((1873) LR 4 A & E 38), The Bonaparte ((1853) 8 Moo PPC 482), The Hamburg (Cargo ex) ((1864) 2 Mo (PCCNS) 289). Anderson Tritton & Co v Ocean Steamship Co ((1884) 10 App Cas 107), The Troilus ([1951] AC 820) and China Pacific SA v

Food Corporation of India ([1982] AC 939). The main thrust of the salvors' argument was based on the contention that it followed from the judgment of Mr Justice Brandon in The Unique Mariner ([1978] 1 Lloyd's Rep 438) that the master had implied actual authority in a salvage situation, to bind cargo owners to a salvage contract on reasonable terms and that even if as between cargo owners and master it was not reasonable to

make a particular contract without reference or attempted ref-erence to the cargo owners the salvors could still enforce the contract unless they were aware of the particular circumstances making the particular contract The principles set out in that

the matter under consideration was, as it was in that case, the authority of an admitted agent of the shipowner to bind his In the instant case, however, the concern was with the question whether the master, or shipowners, neither of whom

case might well be correct when

Although the cargo owners was the agent of the cargo enied the master's authority to owners, could bind them by a contract for salvage services purporting to be made on their behalf otherwise than in circumstances giving rise to an agency f necessity. In *The Hamburg* Lord

Kingsdown had said (at p322): "It is clear that the rule as to munication must be either that, in no case and under no on the master to communicate with the owners of the cargo; or that in some cases, and under some circumstances, it is incumbent on him so to do: either the universal negative or the particular affirmative proposition must hold, and both cannot be true, although one

"But it has not been contended, and cannot reasonably be argued, that the first proposition is true. Where the cargo belongs to a single individual, known to the master, the ship in a port in the same country...in which the owner is resident, the and speedy, the probable delay inconsiderable, the cargo not of a perishable kind, the money to be borrowed so large as to be sure to bring it within the operation of the Bond, it could not be contended that the master could properly hypothe-cate it for repairs to the vessel without first communicating

"But if the first proposition be false, and the latter true, what is in effect the practical conclusion, but that the question, whether a master must commu nicate or not, is one which can only be decided by the circum-stances in each particular case?"

That and other passages in cases to which reference had previously been made referred directly to cases such as sale. hypothecation, jettison, or bottomry and it was submitted for the salvors that the position wasdifferent where the steps taken were, as in salvage cases, for the preservation of the property of

## Costs penalty inaccuracy

The court took a serious view of affidavits which were not accurate, especially when drawn up by solicitors for use in an ex

parte hearing. Mr Justice Sheen, sitting in the Admiralty Court of the Queen's Bench Division so stated on March 22 when granting successful plaintiffs only baif their costs on dismissing an application by defendant shipowners seeking to discharge an order of the registrar who had extended the validity of a writ in rem for twelve months from

The plaintiffs were owners of damaged cargo lately aboard the

there was a difference but it could not, in his judgment, affect the principle so clearly stated in the authorities referred

Unless, therefore it was possible in a particular case to imply a term into the contract of carriage that, in circumstances falling short of those constitut-ing an agency of necessity, the master was authorized to con-tract on behalf of cargo owners, the question of the ma shipowners' authority had to depend on all the circumstances

acknowledged that it might be preferable to have a rule giving a master a wide authority, such as appeared in article 6 of the international Convention on Salvage 1989, such a rule was not at present part of English

Moreover the arguments advanced had, in his judgment, less force than at first sight appeared when it was realized that in many salvage situations the urgency of the situation would preclude the master or shipowner, even in modern conditions, from communicat-He might not know who were the cargo owners. It might be clear that if he did not contract

on the terms offered he would further endanger the vessel and In such cases he would, in his Lordship's view, be able to establish agency of necessity.

His Lordship would allow the appeal and hold that in the circumstances in question the cargo owners would only be bound by the salvage contract if it could be established that there

Lord Justice Glidewell agreed and Lord Justice Slade delivered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Clyde & Co; Holman Fenwick & Willan.

was a true agency of necessity and he would set aside the

#### Building a church extension

In re All Saints, Melbourn When a church was listed as a building of special architectural or historic interest a faculty which would adversely affect its character as such should only be granted in wholly exceptional circumstances, those circumstances clearly showing a necessity for such a change. Sir John Owen, Dean, so held in the Arches Court of Canter-

bury on November 6, 1989 when granting a faculty pe-titioned for by the incumbent of the parish of All Saints. Melbourn in the diocese of Ely. to permit the erection of a building alongside and linking with the north side of the

## Justices applied wrong test to supermarket trolleys

Devon County Council v Gate-way Foodmarkets Ltd Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Nolan [Judgment March 8]

In concluding that a supermarket had not obstructed the highway by placing three parallel rows of shopping trolleys along the pavement outside its premises, justices erred in overemphasizing the service to shop-pers the trolleys provided and the fact that no one had complained. The Queen's Bench Di-

visional Court so held in allow-ing an appeal by way of case stated by Devon County Council against the acquittal by Exmouth Justices of Gateway Foodmarkets Ltd on a charge of obstructing the highway con-trary to section 137 of the Highways Act 1980.

uson without lawful authority or excuse, in any way wilfully obstructs the free passage along a highway he is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine. . ." Mr Michael Burrell for the council: Mr Peter Wadsley for

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the defendant's store was in a purpose-built shopping precinct. The way through the precinct was a highway for use

by pedestrians. Adjacent to the glass window of its store the defendant had placed three parallel rows of shopping trolleys, occupying an

Section 137 of the Highways Act 1980 provides "(1) If a

irian way. There was no doubt that the defendant felt somewhat af-fronted at being proceeded against now when for 11 years the activity complained of had been going on without objection by the appellant or anyone else.

not permitted to use the pedes-

trolleys there when none was in use. The width of the pavement in front of the store was approximately 5.2 metres.

Until the council had ap-proached the defendant about the matter no complaints had been received by the defendant about the presence of the trol-leys which had been a feature of the precinct for 11 years.

The council argued that the defendants had deliberately left

the shopping trolleys on the pedestrian way to increase commercial trade and that such The justices applied the test in Nagy v Weston ([1965] 1 WLR 280) and held that there had to be proof of unreasonable user.

prosecution had not proved that ihe use was unreasonable. The obstruction was not so intrusive as to cause inconv nience to passers by, there had been no actual obstruction of persons using the way. The trolleys had been placed for the sole purpose of use by passers-by who might wish to use the supermarket and to transport goods to vehicles which were

His Lordship was not surprised that they harboured such

area of about 12 metres long by stand that they had come to 1.8 metres wide. There were 160 believe that what they were believe that what they were doing was making no more than and had not exposed themselves

No explanation had been offered for the council's sudden and belated decision to prosecute the defendant. It was questionable whether the council had, in the cicumstances, acted reasonably in prosecuting

The justices had had the right principles in mind. However they had not applied them properly to the facts, most of which could not have been in Where they erred was in placing too much emphasis on

the service to shoppers the

absence of complaint that any-one had been obstructed by The essential consideration for them should have been the permanence of the obstruction, the substantial nature of it and its denial to the public of free access over the whole of the

highway. The decision of the justices was, understandably perhaps, sympathetic to the defendant and to the convenience of their customers and failed to be mindful of the prime requirement that a highway was always to be available for passing and repassing over the whole of its

Solicitors: Meade King, Bris-

## Duty to provide note of evidence

Wearden and Another Where the decision of a county

court judge was to be appealed, the county court were obliged to set in hand the task of transcribing his notes of evidence with the appellant's notice of appeai.

Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, sitting in the Court of Appeal, with Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Woolf on March 14, so stated reminding county court officers of their duty in respect of the transcription of notes of evidence in compliance with Directives (Court Business 3/85 B1351 and 4/85 B1358), referred to in *Practice Direction* (Appeals: Documentation)

[1986] 1 WLR 1318). In the instant case the notice of appeal had been served on Blackburn County Court on August 1 1989. Despite numerous inquiries no notes of evidence had been received by the

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that all county courts should know of their duty

under the Practice Direction that they should start transcribing the notes of evidence the moment a notice of appeal was served on them.

Where, however, the judge, or registrar or chief clerk formed the view having regard to the grounds set out in the notice of necessary they should commu-nicate with the Registrar of Civil

appeal that no such notes were so served on August 1, 1989, but

Injuries to be proved for compensation

## Regina v Chorley Justices, Ex extent of the injuries was in

parte Jones Justices erred in imposing a

Criminal Courts Act 1973 (as substituted and inserted by the Criminal Justice Act 1982) where the defendant had pleaded guilty to a charge of issault occasioning actual bodily harm, contrary to section 47 of the Offences against the

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tion that there be no transcrip-tion of the notes of evidence. Without any such order, the

county court's duty was to put the matter in hand forthwith on receipt of the notice of appeal. Blackburn County Court was

as yet no one had received the notes. In his Lordship's view

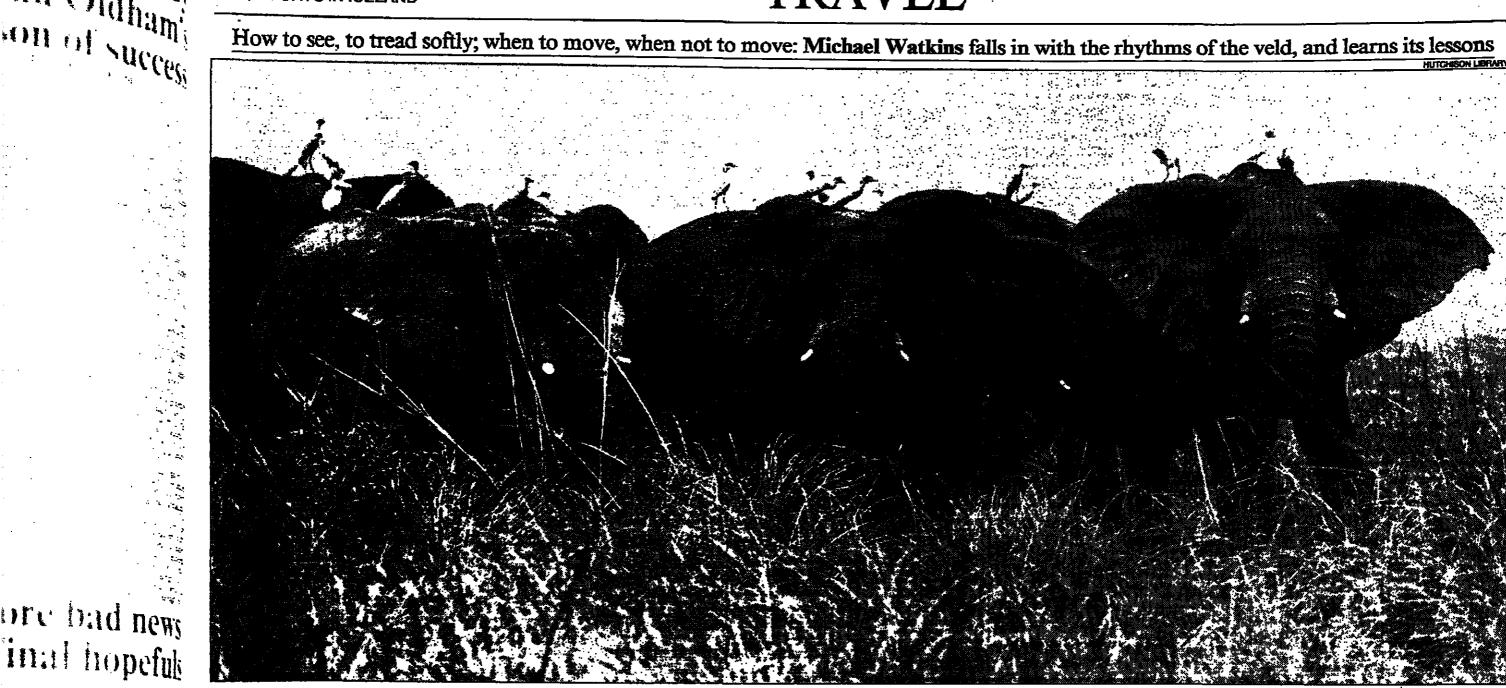
compensation order pursuant to section 35 of the Powers of

dispute and the prosecution had adduced no evidence 10 prove the injuries

The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court (Lord Justice Neill and Mr Justice Garland) so held on March 19 in granting an application for judicial re-view by David Andrew Jones to quash the decision of Chorky Justices, who on May 5, 1989 had fined him £150, to make a compensation order of £1,250 in favour of the victim.

## TRAVEI

How to see, to tread softly; when to move, when not to move: Michael Watkins falls in with the rhythms of the veld, and learns its lessons



Creatures of the past: the road signs that once warned Geraar Olifante - Danger, Elephants - are gone, and so are many of the elephants. But at the game reserve at Mala Mala you can still spot the Big Five - lion, leopard, rhino, buffalo and elephant

## Wandering under African skies

miving in Johannesburg after an absence of some years, for my seventh visit, I landed at Jan Smuts airport the day Nelson Mandela returned to Soweto after 27 years as a political prisoner. On my hotel room television, I watched his patient face, listening as he repeated the words used at his 1964 trial: "I have fought against white domina-tion and I have fought against

Next morning the world continued on its predetermined axis. Guests in the hotel lobby smiled or secwied, according to their several natures. The newspaper, Business Day, commented on Mr Mandela's speech in its second leader. Everything had changed; nothing had changed.

But I was not in South Africa to comment on imponderables or to make moral judgements; neither was I there to construe comfortable, anodyne topics. Indeed, my presence was in itself an act of atonement for averting my eyes from matters about which I was materially uninformed.

It is a melancholy fact that many of us are uninformed about apartheid and the apparatus by which it is being dismantled. An inordinate sense of fair play keeps us at arm's length.

But who, I ask myself, is being fair to whom? By casting ourselves in the role of umpire we distance ourselves from reality when, for better or worse, we would learn more from getting in among the

With this in mind I quit Jo burg, flying to Nelspruit in the eastern Transvaal, and from there by Land-Rover to Mala Mala, 45,000 acres of game reserve straddling the Sand River, it is a private reserve with a common boundary of 20 miles with the Kruger National Park, its chief advantage being that although its rules are strict, they are flexible: you can follow game into the bush well off the beaten track, and you can disdain "curfew" hours.

By late afternoon, I was loading up with ranger Richard du Toit and two Shangsan trackers. Feeding four rounds into the magazine of his .375 Magnum, with one up the spout, Richard applied the

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safety catch, secured the rifle to a forward mount - and we were away. If I tell you that by the time of our dusk return to camp we had sighted all of the Big Five - lion, leopard, rhino, buffalo and elephant - you will think I have been bribed. But it is true, the last being an old bull elephant, big as a Pickfords removal van; nothing roguish about him, he was all alone and grumbling. One day, I thought, he'll go down in the shade of a tree and decide not to get up. And when they find his carcass, the herd will mourn him. But the elephants belong to the past, not to the future. They are threatened

and it is a pity. In bushveld there is a morning smell and an evening smell, both distinctive and special; if you have experienced Africa you will know what I mean. In Africa, the trees are different and potentially dangerous. English trees are safe: we sit in their shade, dozing, munching apples, courting. African trees give shade to cats with killer claws. Anything can happen, so you keep

Mind you, for the equivalent of £513 for two people a day, you would expect something to happen at Mala Mala. You would expect to see the veti or a unicorn for that kind of money.

Something nearly happened to me; I nearly met Harry Manners. He was described as a small, wiry man, about 5ft 4in, who had shot the largest elephant on record. He had worked for a company selling game meat to the Kimberley diamond mines and had killed a lot of elephants. In retirement, he helped at the Skukuza air strip, in the Kruger National Park, humping luggage, but when I stopped by they told me he was off sick, that he had pulled a muscle. Surviving years in the bush, it was the Guccis and the Vuittons that eventually got him. So I never met him, and I was left wondering what I would have said to the man who lived by destroying elephants.

For 24 hours, I ventured into the Kruger, sleeping at Skukuza rest camp, which was cheap and clean, but dull fare after Maia Mala. There had been heavy rain. so there was little movement of game; and the camp had been souped up to accommodate conveyor-belt viewing, coaches galore and enough hullabeloo to give the lowliest primate colic. I was glad

I flapped my wings towards Port Elizabeth, where once a religious Afrikaner had explained the role of black Africans to me, quoting from Joshua nine, verse 23, that they were "hewers of wood and drawers of water". I considered this as I set off from Port Elizabeth, along the Garden Route, through Humansdorp, past Storms River and into the Tsitsikamma Forest, where the

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Once, when I

this road, there Geraar Olifante (Danger, Elephants) — and game warden named Nick Carter, author Elephants of Knysna. The signs are down now, and so are the elephants. I spent the

> Plettenberg at Plettenberg Bay, which had fine views, fine food, direct-dial telephones, silk flowers in reception and Yorkshire addresses in the visitors' book.
> Walking along the sand, I was
> further reminded of Yorkshire at its wind-scoured best; real socksand-sandals country, with shrimping nets and seas that boomed on to the beach. I watched a family with their yellow labrador pup. They would heave a stick into the waves as the dog wallowed, wuffled and retrieved. Irreverently, I thought of Kipling's 'If', of Beecham's Powders, Winnie the Pooh and Willie Whitelaw. It was lovely, but somehow it was

night at a rather dishy hotel, the

not out of Africa. Next day, I dawdled along to Wilderness, a misnomer if there ever was one. It is no more wild than Kew, profuse with proteas, moracas, agapanthus, sparaxis. As South Africans, quick on the draw with biblical quotations, are fond of saying, "And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding

earby was a town called George, grown sleek since my last visit, proud of its new hotel, the Fancourt, which had its own smartly saluting security guard and an impressive coat of arms. I spent tea-time by the pool, drying myself on plump towels, fielding the occasional haw-haw laugh and watching

I dined sumptuously, wearing my blue tie with white spots; but I was getting restive, aware that I had been gift-wrapped, that my taste buds had been insulated from Africa's natural flavour. I longed for the bush, for the rough touch of the nearby semi-desert Karoo. Mostly, I yearned for some form of contact, however peripheral, with those hewers of wood and drawers of water out there in In parts of the Karoo, black and

coloured agricultural labourers are paid by the dop system, their wages being dispensed in wine as well as cash; arguably because wine dulls the pain of travelling second-class through life. There is talk of abandoning the system, but it survives in Oudishoom. As a place name, Oudishoom

has an enomatopoeic ring of repletion. A rather jolly town, one thinks, sybaritic, swollen with comestibles. In fact, it is arid and callous. Too parched to yield profitable tobacco crops. it is nevertheless sheer heaven for ostriches; which, far too busy laying eggs that produce omelettes the equivalent of 24 hen's eggs. do not bury their heads in sand. instead, they moult feathers.

In Edwardian times, feathers were all the rage. Dowagers wore them decorously, debs fianned



them flirtatiously. As a result of this, the Feather Barons of Oudtshoorn established a lightweight dynasty, commissioning the construction of their "Feather

Heading for Prince Albert, beloved by those who live there, I first had to cross the Swartberg Pass, the 125 mile barrier between the Little and Great Karoos. There is a perfectly respectable alternative by tarmac road, but by using it you deprive yourself of one of the most noble mountain massifs in Africa. Rain and rock falls can close the pass, which would be your bad luck, for you would miss, along its craggy heights and stunning desolation, a signpost: Gamka Kloof 57kms.

In the Boer War, a lost band of Boer guerrillas hoping to rejoin the body of their commando, led by General Smuts, stumbled on an isolated valley scattered with primitive huts they took to be a Hottentot community. They were approached by a shaggy giant of a white man, dressed in goatskins and speaking outlandish Dutch. They were sheltered, fed milk and honey by the descendants of early 19th-century trekboers (nomadic farmers) and sent on their way.

The trekboers are still in Gamka Kloof, discouraging insurance agents, encyclopaedia salesmen and the likes of me by the impregnability of their defences. Aiming Mr Avis's car towards their valley, I was forced to give up after a couple of miles. You would need a four-wheel-drive or a camel.

Disappointed not to meet these recluses. I none the less admired their style. I was less impressed by Prince Albert, where apricots are grown and the Sabbath is properly observed. I put my foot down across the scorching desert for Matjesfontein, of which I had fond memones.

The Lord Milner Hotel at Matjessontein lives on in all its antique glory, so remote from the hurly-burly that once, when the lights failed, the nearest electrician came 75 miles, only to find a dead mouse in the fuse-box. The hotel is haunted, naturally; the click of billiard balls is heard from an empty billiard room; doors rattle, puffs of chill air pass along corridors. I slept there, dreamlessly, in a four-poster, coming down to a breakfast choice of 16 marmalades and jams.

The physical contrast between the Karoo and the vineyards of the Klein Drakenstein Valley near Paarl, just four hours' drive separating them, is spectacular. In other respects, things remain much of a muchness. At a dinner party given by Basie Maartens at Mountain Shadows, his Cape Dutch manor house, I listened to a guest tell, with justifiable pride, of

many of the common people found it double Dutch to underschools he had built for his stand. Thus was the Genootskap 7,000 black van Regte Afrikaners (Society of True Afrikaners) formed. There is farm workers and their fameven, to my knowledge the only ilies. "We orone in Christendom, a language ganized a monument, the Taslmonument, bathing party, they'd never 360 feet tall. The moral of this little

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in the 1870s that although Dutch

was the language of the people,

been to the sea divertissement, as if you had not before. When guessed, is that Afrikaners take they saw the themselves just the teeniest bit wave and foam, seriously. I enjoyed the Mount Nelson hotel in Cape Town, the "Nellie" they said it was boiling water, they'd be

as it is affectionately known. I always do. It is an extremely good scalded if they hotel. No less did I enjoy the These wine towns of Paari journey back to Johannesburg aboard the Blue Train. and Stellen-I passed much of the 24-hour bosch descend in direct line from iourney in the bar, watching the the early French Huguenot settlers of 1657. They called their farms

desert nibble into the flatlands of

the Orange Free State, which, in Laborie, Goede Hoop, La Con-corde and Nancy, leaving an their turn, gnawed at the footbills of the Transvaal highveld. imperishable imprint on architec-I also watched a couple of ture, customs, faith and an extraordinary tenacity, for Paarl Afrikaners, their beefy backsides contributed hugely to the estaoverflowing barstools; and it astonished me that while their blishment of the Afrikaans lanvastly resourceful landscape guage. It was Arnoldus Pannevis, a classical languages teacher at Paarl Gymnasium, who became aware changed so rapidly in hue and texture, they concentrated so feroTRAVEL NOTES

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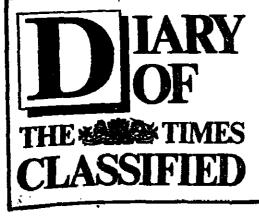
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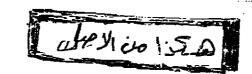
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e all bow low before the dipping rotors of the Bell Jet are even knocked to their knees by the wash as the whirling beast settles in, inches from our huddled mass. Adrenaline vies with anxiety as the first 11, the "advanced" group, fumble into the cramped interior, down into a narrow notch on jostling knees and groping for seat belts. Day one of heli skiing in British Columbia.

For devout skiers, heli skiing in the Canadian Rockies is almost a hadj. Pilgrims from 1,000ft drop-off. all over the world pay anything from £2,000 a week for the privilege of being borne to the mountains. And they come again and again. In any week 74 per cent are repeat

Even the veterans are looking a little queasy, though, as we pound through layer after layer of impenetrable soup. Fog has built up in the valleys. The temperature has risen from -18°C to just above zero.

Doug Sager goes heli skiing in

British Columbia

lie invisible below us. Suddenly the chopper roars louder into the clear air. Sandro, the Swiss pilot, climbs a vertical face and nudges the side. As we pile out into

the thigh-deep snow, I see through the biting spray being thrown up by the chopper that we are perched inches from a As we flounder in the deep snow Sandro drives the Bell

over the edge and drops right down the precipice. Thierry, the bandito-moustached chief guide, starts throwing bundles of skis and sticks across the hole in the snow left by the chopper. There is an urgency to get moving, as the Bell will soon be back with a second group of skiers.

Heli skiing with Canadian Mountain Holidays is a highly orchestrated operation. Every

lodge at the eight staging areas accommodates 44 skiers. Four groups, varying in ability from hell-bent to "introductory", share the same big Bell. In total, CMH skis an area the

Interior British Columbia is famed for metres-deep dry powder. But, as CMH warns explicitly, it is not always like that. You could be snowed in the lodge for a week, grounded by high winds, or forced to ski through less than ideal snow. Thierry leads us skittering off the wind-blown summit

sheltered in the trees, is deep a whoop. I follow, with a wail. The snow is deep, but wet and heavy. The best technique is to head straight down the hill, turning minimally and

down into irritating breakable

crust over to the forest. Here.

Thierry is a track in the snow. Through tight trees, down a ravine and into a clearing to wait for the helition of watching the boy racers crash and burn, digging for

with little exertion.



lost skis, pulling their heads from snowbanks.

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Heli skiing is highly com-petitive, and macho. Drawing up the list for the first 11 is a diplomatic task. Those who

But keeping the client attracted to heli skiing were happy, or quiet, does not mainly dentists and drug deal-

ers. Those party days have extend to breaching the passed. Our group was com-posed of engineers and schoolprevailing ethic: do not keep the group waiting. First group down gets the next chopper. Time was, the older guides

There have always been serious skiers at CMH, even

families. Dedicated diehards like Bob Whitington, an acrospace engineer from Seattle, have been bringing the kids every year since Hans Gmoser started the company in 1965. One client has skied more

It is easy for the clients to edge heli skiing is. Cossetted in remote lodges, accessible only by helicopter, or enjoying apres ski sessions in the

Jacuzzi, one might be in any good hotel Gmoser keeps a close eye on operations, constantly touring the various areas. CMH has its own remote weather stations and radio links. Guides monitor the snowpack, insist on

flying over every slope before trusting skiers to it. But perhaps the guides' hardest job is holding over-eager skiers in check. Up on a glacier in the Selkirks in good powder, the boys were strain-ing at the leash. While Kevin, a guide from New Zealand, tried to explain how we should stay to one side of his track, in order to avoid the crevas Gaston, an experienced Swiss skier, sniffed in an aside, "I've seen crevasses before".

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## Rapid moves

o far March has con-firmed both the wisdom of choosing to ski later in the day. the season and the limitations of spring snow. The major fells of the second half of

February have taken a bit of a beating between the warm sunshine and frosty nights. The magnificent conditions at the beginning of the month have been replaced by a mixed

such as Tignes, Val Thorens in April. Vallon and Saulire in Méribel and Courchevel have continued to provide excellent skiing. Lower down and further cast it is a somewhat different

The problem is a rapid switch from morning ice to afternoon slush which requires careful planning to get the best out of the still plentiful snow. Where possible, it is a matter of choosing and disfiguring. the low cast and south-facing runs in the morning and

and west-facing slopes later in the day.

The immediate prospect is for cooler north-westerly winds to bring more variable weather and some snow. But. if the snow is to be sufficient to meet the heavy demands of Easter, this shift will have to continue for two or three weeks. In this respect, recent years seem to have established Generally the best snow is a pattern of producing some of now to be found in France. In the best snow late in the perticular, above 2,000m on season, which is reassuring for north-facing runs in resorts those who will be holidaying

> to sunny weather, then the important thing to remember is to use plenty of high-factor sun lotion. The combination of extra ultra-violet radiation, highly reflective snow cover and winter pallor greatly increases the risk of severe sunburn. Without proper protection, as I saw among unwary skiers last week, the consequences can be painful

> > W. J. Burroughs

#### TRAVEL NEWS

Holidays in Britain look like ng more popular this year as foreign package sales cone to lag behind 1989 levels. The English Tourist Board says research among 29 leading British holiday operators es most of them reporting a higher level of early bookings, with half claiming increases of 10 per cent or more.

The ETB, along with the other domestic tourist boards, has just launched a campaign backed up by special offers available through major travel agency chains.

A series of lower-priced holisummer's World Cup compennon has been launched by Italiatour, one of the operators officially appointed to carry British supporters. Match tickets are either included in prices or guaranteed as optional extras. An 11-night selfcatering package covering England's three games in Serdinia in June costs from £495. Information: 01-936 2614.

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room with one parent. Prices start at £64 for two nights' half-board accommodation. with children's meals charged as taken. Brochures available on 01-541 5767 (24-hour

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BATH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL: Celebration of Spanish culture with visits by Cumbre Flamenca dancers, Hesperion early music ensemble, guitarist Paco Peña; French theme features composer Henri Dutilleux who composer Heriri Luures will visit festival, and Philippe Genty Puppet Company, Talks, tours, exhibitions and fringe. Appearances by New London Consort under Philip Pickett, Polish Chamber Orchestra, Courtney Pine,
Chris Barber, Peter Frankl
and Alfred Brendel. Also an
evening with Jan Morris,
English Chamber Theatre with
Derek Jacobi and Isla Blair, and Excolonia de Montserrat boys' choir from Spain.

May 25-June 10: Boxoffice, Century House, 4
Pierrepont Street, Bath BA1
1LE (0225 463362/466411) **BEAUMARIS FESTIVAL:** orchestral concerts. orchestral concerts, recitats, lectures, poetry readings, art exhibitions, jazz and fringe. Also medieval fairs at Beaumaris Castle in July and August.

May 28-June 3: Festival Office, Hendref, West End, Beaumaris (0248 8810830)

**BEVERLEY EARLY MUSIC** FESTIVAL: Highlights include compline by candlelight in Beverley Minster; Cambridge Musicke in Tales of the Unexpected, The Trumpet Shall Sound lecture/recital; Hanover Band performance in Minster, and medieval and Renaissance dance.
May 3-6: Festival Office,
Guildhall, Register Square,
Beverley (0482 867430)

**BOURNEMOUTH FORTIES** FESTIVAL: Tea dances and music-while-you-work parties for those who remember the 1940s. Various venues. May 12-25: Details: Tourism Office, Westover Road, Bournemouth (0202

BRIGHTON FESTIVAL: "Curtain up: The New Europe" is theme, exploring cultures of Eastern Europe in context of snost and perestroika, with companies from Poland, Czechoslovakia, USSR, Romania, Bulgaria and East State Opera, Prague Chamber Ballet, stars of Bolshoi

Ballet, Leipzig Gewandhaus Chamber Orchestra and Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra. Jazz festival; media festival of film; celebration of Czech and Slovak writers; comedy Town Plays" community atre in old town. May 4-27: Festival Office, Marlborough House, 54 Old

Sussex (0273 29801) CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL: Highlights include Monteverdi Vespers, John Lill and the Amadeus Duo, the King's Consort Baroque Cathedral Choir and Humphrey Lyttleton, Also exhibition by Sidney Nolan.

May 12-19: Cathedral, Chelmsford (0245 265848) CHICHESTER FESTIVAL: Penelope Keith in The Merry Wives of Windsor, world première of *Born Again*, based on lonesco play, directed by Peter Hall with designs by ald Scarfe; British premières of stage version of Ingmar Bergman's Scenes from a Marriage and musical 70 Girls 70; and Neil Simon's *Rumours*. From May: Chichester Festival Theatre, Chichester

West Sussex (0243 784437) DICKENS FESTIVAL: Grand Dickensian Parade, scenes from novels of Dickens, Mr Pickwick special train, Victorian circus and funfair, rural crafts, street entertainment, fireworks, and festival ball. Grand finale a son et lumière performance of Lionheart in Castle moat. May 31-June 3: Tourist

Information Centre, Eastgate Cottage, High Street, Rochester, Kent (0634 43666) THE DOLMETSCH YEARS: Festival to commemorate infitieth anniversary of death of early music ploneer Arnold Dotmetsch. Artists include Jennifer Bate, Trevor Pinnock, Melvyn Tan, Guildhall String Ensemble and King's Street. Ensemble and King's Singers. May 22-29: St John's Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222

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May 2-June 5: Details: Friends of the Earth, 26

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Market Place, Ripon, North Yorkshire (0765 700681)

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552 8000) **GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL OPERA: New** productions of Die Zauberflöte and Tippett's fifth opera, *New Year* (European première); plus revivals of Albert Herring, Kat'a

Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 812321) HARROGATE SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL: Nigel Kennedy plays Vivaldi; jazz with London Wasp Factory; violin and viola recital with May 9-11: Festival Office, Royal Baths, Harrogate, North Yorkshire (0423 562303)

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OPERA FESTIVAL: Contemporary opera and world premieres including Thomas Allen with Royal Philharmonic, Mecklenburgh Opera in Rudzinski's Mannequins, Modern Music Theatre Troupe, Pavilion Opera, Opera Restor'd, and Matrix Ensemble. May 30-June 29: Festival Office, 84 Prince of Wales Mansions Drive, London SW11 (01-720 7610) MALVERN FESTIVAL: Cambridge Theatre Company present Mrs Warren's Profession; English music includes Byrd, Purcell, Finzi, Delius, Britten; Prunella Scales in Queen Victoria evening; G & S with the ENC; and experence by and appearances by Anthony Goldstone, Anthony Hopkins, Frank Muir and Marisa Robles, Jazz, brass,

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May 20-June 2: Festival Theatre, Grange Road, Malvern (0684 572725) NATIONAL GARDEN FESTIVAL: Gateshead is this year's location, with 200 acres of floral creations and more than 2 million trees from the UK and abroad; plus more than 15,000 hours of events, including river pageants, air shows, film restival and musical and sports

May 18-October 21: Visitor Information Centre (091 460

**NEWBURY SPRING** FESTIVAL: Twelfth festival international chamber ensembles including Talich Quartet of Prague, Israel Piano Trio, Dorian Wind Quintet of New York. Richard Hickox and Ofra Harnoy are artists in residence. Appearances by Paul Hansard's puppets, Benny Green with Marion Monigomery, flamenco guitarist Paco Peria, George Melly with John Chilton's Feetwarmers, Opera Restor'd; plus New Orleans Mardi May 9-19: Festival Office, Sulte 3, Town Hall, Newbury,

Berkshire (0635 49919/48774)

ALDEBURGH FESTIVAL: Elliott Carter and Alexander Goehr are composers in residence, with performances of Goehr's Sing Ariel and his Triptych including Sonata Performances of Copland's NOTTINGHAM FESTIVAL: opera The Tender Land, semi-staged Dido and Aeneas European performers mark

and Britten's Children's Crusade (setting of Brecht plus artists from Australia, Canada, Bolivia, Russia, ballad for children). Elisabeth Söderström is artist in residence; recitals by Dietrich Zimbabwe, India, Pakistan, Romania, etc. Theatre Fischer Dieskau and Jennifer Bate; and London Sinfonletta perform with includes new Stephen Lowe musical, Love in the Land of the Luddites by Meeting **Ground Theatre Company** Terry Edwards and Oliver and Nottingham Playhouse; dance with Georgian State June 8-24: Aldeburgh Foundation, High Street, Aldeburgh, Suffolk (0728 Dance Co and companies from Africa and Cambodia; and G & S with D'Oyly Carte. Also Heineken Music Big Top 452935)

ALMEIDA INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF CONTEMPORARY
MUSIC: Highlights include
festival commission by John Cage, Europera, Gerald Barry's opera The Intelligence Park, concert suites by Kurt Weill; and new music by lannis Xenakis, Elliott Carter, Philip Glass, Also music from the Soviet Union. June 14-July 14: Almeida

Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (01-359 4404) BAILEYS SUMMERSTAGE: Open air concerts in National Trust, English Heritage and other properties, including Kedleston Hall (Derby), Audley End (Saffron Walden), Dyrham Park (Chippenham), Hopetoun House (Edinburgh), Harewood House (Leeds), Pevensey Castle (Eastbourne), Kingston Lacy
(Bournemouth), Wrest Park
(Luton), Lanhydrock Park
(Bodmin), Attingham Park
(Shrewsbury), Castle Howard,
Batemans (East Sussex),
and Cardiff Castle. une-August: Details from

venues **BOURNEMOUTH MUSIC** FESTIVAL: Festival marks European Tourism Year, with highlights including James Galway and the Chieftains, Mendelssohn's Eijah at the Winter Gardens, and the Winter Park Bach Chorale from Orlando, US.

June 23-July 7: Department of Tourism, Westover Road. Bournemouth, Dorset (0202

**BROADSTAIRS DICKENS** FESTIVAL: Concerts, plays, dances, bathing party and other events connected with Dickens. Various venues. June 16-23: Festival Office, Rooftops, 58 High Street, Broadstairs, Kent (0843

CHARLECOTE PARK MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL: Festival on National Trust property. Emma Kirkby and Anthony Rooley provide music of Shakespeare's time. Also New Budapest String Quartet, I Fagiolini singers, Maurice Hasson, and Amaido Cohen celebrity

recital. June 22-27: Charlecote Park, Wellesbourne, Warwick (0789 470277) CLIVEDEN OPEN AIR FESTIVAL: Berkshire Shakespeare Players perform A Winter's Tale on National Trust property. June 27-July 1: Fe

EXETER FESTIVAL: 'Reflections" is theme, with cathedral candlellt concerts by European Community Chamber Orchestra, and Academy of St Martin in the Fields; Labeque sisters; Jessye Norman recital; and first performance of Richard Harvey viola concerto specially commissioned for Roger Chase. Dance and drama at Northcott Theatre. June 13-30: Festival Office,

Civic Centre, Exeter, Devon (0392 265200) GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL: Groups from Western Europe as well as Scottish artists. Workshops and composers in residence. Part of Glasgow's Cultural Capital of Europe year. June 29-July 8: Festival Office, City Chambers, Glasgow (041 227 5429) **GREENWICH FESTIVAL:** Felix Schmidt (cellist) is artist in residence. Concerts at The Queen's House, appearances by Julian Bream with Peggy Ashcroft, riverboat cruises of jazz, folk and African music on the Thames, traditional folk music from Ireland, Scotland, Zimbabwe and

Bulgaria, and Andean food tasting with Argentinian chef. June 1-17: Festival Office, 151 Powis Street, London SE18 (01-317 8687) **KENT REP:** Summer festival at Hever Castie Lakeside Theatre includes The Tempest, She Stoops to Conquer, and Arms and the Man. Also concerts: Mainly Mozart, Goodtime George with George Meily, From Charleston to Swing with Black Cat Rhythm Band, and The Pirates of Penzance. June-August: Box-office, Hever Castle, Edenbridge, Kent (0732 866114)

**LEEDS FESTIVAL: New** multi-arts festival featuring Opera North, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Northern School of Contemporary Dance, and local organizations, with performances in neighbouring districts. Appearances by Alfred Brendel, John William and Simon Rattle. Music, dance, theatre, film, visual arts, and ethnic and community

June 22-July 8: Festival Office, 3 St Peter's Buildings, York Street, Leeds (0532 LUDLOW FESTIVAL:

Production of The Merchant of Venice at Ludlow Castle, and appearances by London Mozart Players, Benjamin Luxon (singing Die Winterneise), Syd Lawrence Orchestra, Humphrey Lyttleton, Hinge and Bracket, and Frankie Howerd. Exhibitions, films, and world première of dramatic word premere of cramatic cantata by Shropshire composer Charles Dakin.

June 23-July 8: Festival
Office, Castle Square, Ludlow, Shropshire (0584 875070) LUFTHANSA FESTIVAL OF BAROQUE MUSIC: "Femmes Fatales" is this year's theme, with appearances by

American soprano Ann Monoylos, Opera de Paris star Guillemette Laurens, and Canadian soprano Nancy Argenta. Marie Leonhardt brings Mateus Ensemble, and Vivaldi's oratorio Judina triumphans receives a rare performance. St James's Baroque Players are in residence. June 1-27: Festival Office, St James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, London W1 (01-434 4003)

POLESDEN LACEY OPEN AIR THEATRE: 1990 sesson includes As You Like It. Pasadena Roof Orchestra, The Sorcerer. The Nash Ensemble, David Kossoff, and Humphrey Lyttleton Band. June 20-July 8: Box-office. National Trust, Polesden Lacey, Dorking, Surrey (0372 59950)

ST MAGNUS FESTIVAL: Highlights this year include premieres of Peter Maxwell Davies' Music Theatre for Schools, Richard Rodney Bennett's Percussion Concerto, and John McLeod work; Family Prom Box Office, PO Box 938, Ascot, with Orkney Schools Orchestra; Maxwell Davies conducts his own Strathclyde Concerto No 2; and appearances by Peter Donohoe, Phoenix Dance Company, and Bergen Cathedral Choir. Also Philip Glass opera The Fall of the House of Usher.

House of Usher.

June 22-27: Festival

Secretary, "Strandal", 15

Nicolson Street, Kirkwall, Orkney

SEVENOAKS FESTIVAL: Highlights include Borodin String Quartet, Richard Baker in The Best of British, Compass Theatre in The Alchemist and The Merchant of Venice, Trestle Theatre Company in Ties That Bind, and Humphrey Lyttleton with Helen Shapiro. Appearances by Henry Cooper, Emma Johnson, Melvyn Tan, Lumière and Son and Bamboozle. June 18-28: Festival Office, Sevenoaks School, Sevenoaks, Kent (0732

SPITALFIELDS FESTIVAL: Fourteenth festival includes 20th century, early church, and Asian music, with world première of Finzi Requiem, London premiere of Britten's The Company of Heaven, works by Tippett (to mark his 85th birthday) and Haydn's June 7-22: Box-office, St

Paul's Churchyard, London EC4 (01-248 4260) THAXTED FESTIVAL: Tenth festival takes theme "The British Connection", with appearances by Julian Lloyd Webber, Paul Patterson, St James's Baroque Players, Ionian Singers, Steuart Bedford with Michala Petri, Prometheus Ensemble, Alberni Chamber Orchestra, City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox, and Amaryllis Consort. Plus Opera Restor'd perform at the Barn Theatre, Little Easton, with grounds open for picnic

June 22-July 15: Ticket office, Thaxted Galleries, 1 Newbiggen Street, Thaxted, Essex (0371 84296)

THREE SPIRES FESTIVAL lassical arts and music and theatre, including performances by Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, David Willcocks, Richard Hickox, and Palm Court Orchestra. Music by Bernstein, Copland, Ives, Gershwin, Cole Porter, Souza, and Irving Berlin. Also exhibitions on the First Americas and American Folk Art June 24-July 7: Mrs E. Sinfield, Bryher, Perranarworthal, Truro, Comwali (0872 363346)

WORTHING BOROUGH CENTENARY **CELEBRATIONS:** Events to celebrate formation of the Borough. Various venues. June 10-30: Worthing Borough Council, Town Hall, Changle Road, Westlein Chapel Road, Worthing, West Sussex (0903 39999 ext

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#### TRAVEL

## Playing it cool in an Arctic wonderland

Iceland thrives on spectacle and fish dinners, John Russell Taylor reports



schoolchild knows that Green-land is icy and losland is green. And if the name given to lceland by a disgruntled ninthcentury Viking called Floki did not discourage settlers, at least it has moulded our ideas. Iceland, in the middle of the

north Atlantic, is formally a part of Europe, though on the map it looks much closer to America and is stuck with the image of Arctic cold, something for rugged types only. Naturally, this is not the way natives see it. Though they recognize that the long, dark winters can be hard, they maintain that the warm waters of the Gulf Stream do not allow winter to be that hard.

"Why," they ask, "do you not come back around Christmas? Then you would find all the cultural life of Reykjavik going full tilt major shows in the galleries, the National Theatre and Opera offering full programmes." It may well be true described in the state of the be true, despite the unfortunate tendency of tourists to come in the summer, when there is sunshine for days on end (nights, too).

Hardy types may go back-packing and camping; softer souls usually stay in the capital, Revidavik, which contains more than half of Iceland's 250,000 population, and most of the hotels and other facilities. Outside the towns which have more than 5,000 inhabitants, and three of these are within 25 miles.



Windsurfers' sails bring colour to the ice floes: on land, warmed by the Gulf Stream, spring and autumn are said to be the best times to explore Iceland's beauty, though the islanders say "it all happens here at Christmas"

centre, Reykjavik has many most immediately distingand peculiar charms. It is like Toytown with a sense of purpose and dignity. The fact that you can telephone almost any Government minister and find that he or she will pick up the phone and speak to you, makes it more efficient, as well as more agreeable.

Spring and autumn are the ideal times for good weather, but even at the height of summer there is still a lot going on. Reykjavik has a surprising number of museums devoted to a single artist, and one of them at least, commemorating the sculpture capital, there are only four of Einar Jonsson, is decidedly grandiose, as befits the vaulting ambition and cloudy symbolism of the work. Down by Apart from its practicality as a the lake, which is Reykjavik's

uishing feature, there is the new National Gallery, a stunningly beautiful extension of a former, slightly oriental-look-

Foreigners in Iceland tend to be looked on with amiable

tolerance, and a certain reserve. A home-grown musical, Land of My Fathers, gives us the cine as to why: Iceland, with its history of colonization by Denmark, then successive protective occupations by Britain and the United States



"Toytown": Reykjavik, Iceland's small but busy cultural hub concentrated diet of carbolic ful marvels of nature, but to the natural hot water smelling strongly of sulphur), and cost about 270 a night for a double room.

during the Second World War, has reason to be wary. But it is pleasing that the natives are friendly enough when you see them. Of course, that is not likely to be very often once you get down to the main

business: looking at the views. Facing roads that hardly qualify as tracks, you grit your teeth and head for the next spectacular sight. Hot and cold running water abounds, whether in the form of dashing cataracts and foaming falls, or in geysers shooting into the air at nature's whim - though it is a bit disillusioning to learn that the Great Geyser, the grand-daddy of them all, can now only usually be persuaded to perform by being fed with a

of the bizarre rather than the ellous, is Thingvellir; and if damp plain below, is enough sublime, there are the astonishing springs of Husafell, where water from the ice fields pours into the stream below from a hundred points in the lava cliff, as though squeezed out of a giant sponge.

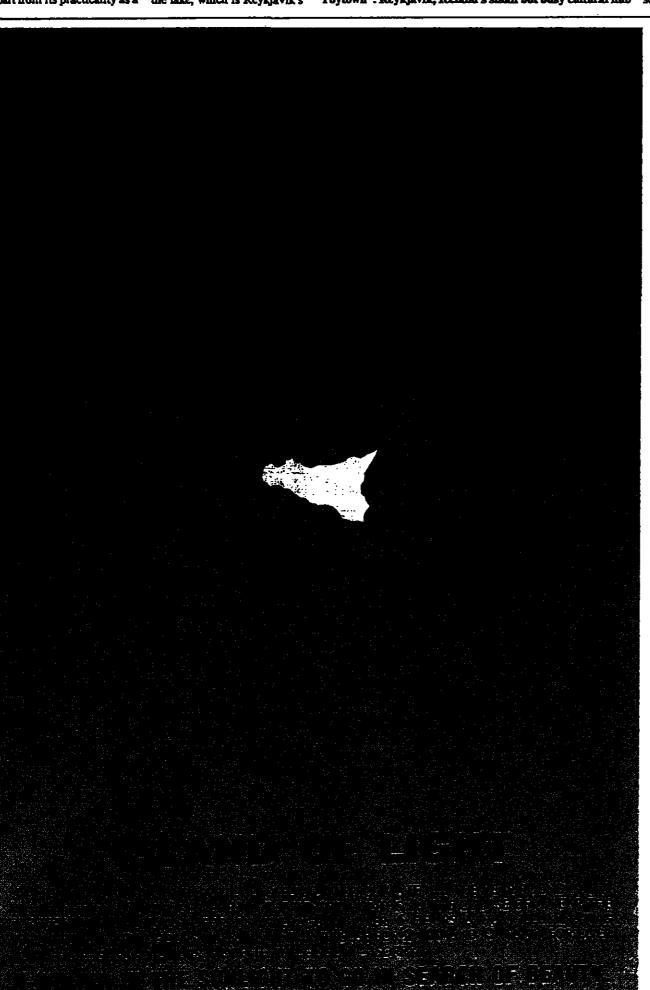
Lunar landscapes Iceland has in plenty, and there seems

no end to the variety of forms the lava boulders take, or the shades of moss and lichen. The most famous lava formation is Thingvellir, the site of the Icelandic administrative assembly, or Althing, from AD 930 on. In Letters from High Latitudes (1856), Lord Dufferin says, with the pardonable enthusiasm: "The Geysers are certainly wonderthe one repay you for crossing the Spanish Sea, it would be worth while to go round the world to reach the other." Even today, this great river valley, with its serried ranks of that there is a lot to be said for

to take anyone's breath away. Back in Reykjavik, over another wonderful fish dinner, however, you reflect that nature is perfect in its place, but lava cliffs looking out over the the amenities of civilization.

#### TRAVEL NOTES

 Icelandair, 73 Grosvenor Street, London W1 (01-499 9971), flies direct to Keflavik from Heathrow; Apex return about £260. National tourist office, same address (01-499 6721). ● Car hire, with mileage charges, costs up to £100 a day, but you can pick up the car ferry from Copenhagen in the Faeroes. Iceland is expensive, and there is a 25 per cent tax on food, which features delicious fish — and lamb, smoked and cured. Best wait to change money until you get to Iceland, where the rate is better. The country refunds VAT on certain goods at exit. A taxi from the airport into Reykjavik costs about £50. Reviciavik hotels are clean and friendly (once you get used)





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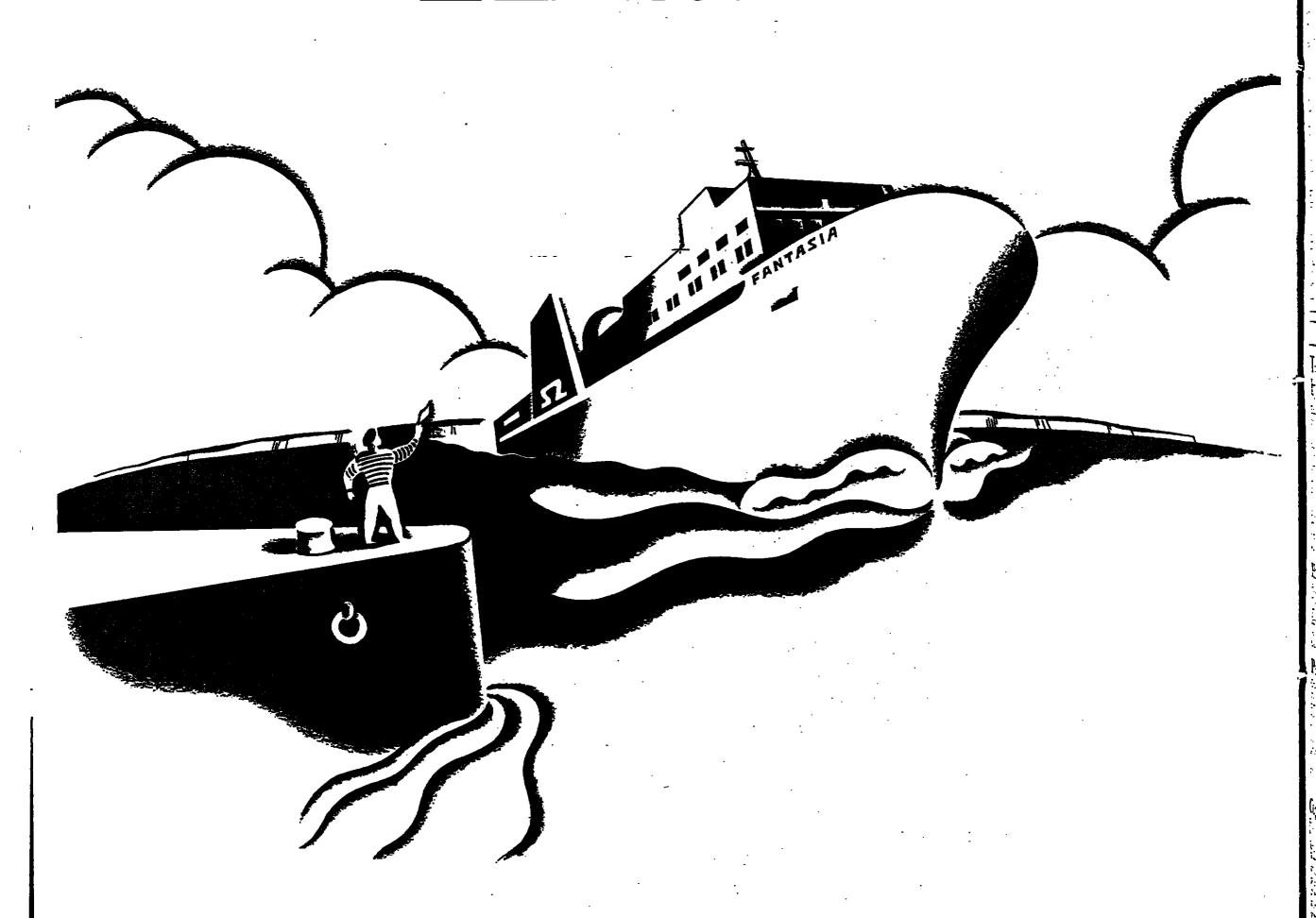
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